



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation

AGENDA

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2014 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
401 North Morton

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A-1. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2014
- A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted October 29, 2014 – November 16, 2014
- A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments
- A-4. Review of Business Report

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

- B-1. Public Comment Period -
- B-2. Bravo Award - Eagle Scouts, Nick Woodman and Ricardo Marrero (Kevin Marzahl)
- B-3. Parks Partner Award -
- B-4. Staff Introductions - Alison Miller – Health/Wellness Coordinator

C. OTHER BUSINESS

- C-1. Review/Approval of Management/Partnership Agreement with BCTM, Inc. (Mick Renneisen)
- C-2. Review/Approval of 2015 Price Schedule (Mick Renneisen)

D. REPORTS

- D-1. Operation Division -
- D-2. Recreation Division -
- D-3. Sports Division -
- D-4. Administration Division -

ADJOURNMENT



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Board of Park Commissioners
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Minutes

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City Hall Council Chambers
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:00 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Lesilyn Neely, John Turnbull, Kim Ecenbarger, Leslie Brinson, Julie Ramey, Dave Williams, Paula McDevitt, Steve Cotter, Alison Miller, Lacie Davis and Kevin Marzahl

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Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period - None

B-2. Bravo Award – Eagle Scouts, Nick Woodman and Ricardo Marrero

Mr. Marzahl, with Natural Resources, addressed the Board. As the principle steward of many of the hiking and mountain bike trails over seven properties Mr. Marzahl stated he is grateful for volunteer assistance and community support.

Mr. Marzahl thanked both Special Services Coordinator Kim Ecenbarger and Lucy Schaich from Community and Family Resources for directing the resources of their volunteers to Leonard Springs Nature Park and RCA Community Park over the past several years. He also thanked Urban Forester Lee Huss and his tree salvage program, which has provided lumber for a number of Eagle Scout projects, including the new bridge at RCA Park.

He stated the two projects being recognizing are truly exceptional. He stated Ricardo Marrero and Nick Woodman exemplify the resourcefulness and skills for which Eagle Scouts are known. Their solutions to the challenges posed by the karst topography have resulted in major enhancements of the trail systems at Leonard Springs Nature Park and RCA Community Park.

Ricardo Marrero was born and raised in Bloomington. He has been in Scouts for four years, and most recently has been involved in the BHSN marching band. He has volunteered at Mother Hubbard's Butler Garden. He and his family have helped the homeless and look forward to helping others. Ricardo has been a patron of the parks and of RCA Community Park in particular. What he liked most about his Eagle Project is that it was in a place he was very familiar with from his childhood. Ricardo says, "I think that my bridge is an inviting bridge and it may make people start taking a lot more of the trails."

Nick Woodman took the challenge of moving long lengths of 6X6 timbers down an extremely steep slope in stride. He and his troop rigged up an ingenious temporary zip line that embodied the expression, "Work smarter, not harder." The time and energy saved in staging materials were put into replacing awkward, rotted, primitive stairs with a brand new flight of rustic steps that harmonizes with the site and offers hikers a secure ascent at a natural gait.

Ricardo and Nick's commitment and leadership set an excellent example for Eagle Scouts and provide a lasting benefit to our community. Mr. Marzahl recognized Ricardo Marrero and Nick Woodman, members of Troop 110 as the November 2014 BRAVO Award recipients.

Mr. Carter introduced Mr. Marrero. Mr. Marrero stated he really enjoyed the process of building the bridge and thanked Mr. Marzahl for his assistance. Mr. Carter stated it is a fine bridge. Mr. Marrero stated the bridge is 12 feet with a side rail and boardwalk with bumpers on the sides. Mr. Carter thanked Mr. Marrero and wished him luck.

Mr. Woodman addressed the board. He is glad he built the 22 stairs because when the 6th graders visit on fieldtrips as he did when he was younger it really helps. He stated he is glad to help out and benefit the trail. Mr. Carter agreed that the stairs will benefit those using them. Mr. Hoffman stated "Wow". This is very special and they will be able to come back in the future and say "I made that. I'm the one that did that". That is going to be very cool.

Mr. Woodman stated he wanted to do something different and that is why he decided on this project. Mr. Woodman described the zip line as being hard to get used to at first. They were able to transport at least 2 6x6s at a time and it made it a lot easier.

Mr. Carter and the Board thanked Mr. Woodman and Mr. Marrero.

B-3. Parks Partner Award – None this month

B-4. Staff Introductions – Alison Miller – Health/Wellness Coordinator

Ms. Miller addressed the Board. She stated she began her position as the Health/Wellness Coordinator on September 15th. She holds a Master of Science in Sport and Recreation Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Health Communication and certifications as a personal trainer and group exercise instructor. She stated she was the Fitness Coordinator at Longwood University in Farmville, VA. She later accepted the Fitness Coordinator position for the Conway Recreation Center with the City of Conway Parks, Recreation and Tourism in South Carolina. She stated she began teaching full time in the Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sports Studies department at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina. She is excited to be working for Bloomington Parks and Recreation and looks forward to continuing the health and wellness journey with the citizens of Bloomington.

Mr. Carter thanked Ms. Miller and welcomed her to her new position.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Management/Partnership Agreement with BCTM, Inc.

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board. He stated the BCTM began in 1999 and the department has been part of the contract management since 2006. The agreements in the past have been for 3 years and this year will be changing to a 1 year agreement to be more in line with the partnership agreement time-frame. He stated the length of term is one of the agreement changes and the funding arrangement is also different. The operational subsidy that was part of previous arrangements will also change due to TIF law changes. Funding had to shift away from operating subsidy and had to be spent towards capital or maintenance related activity. The funding level has not changed, but the way that is applied has changed. \$74,000 will come from the TIF to help with the capital and maintenance related tasks at the theater but the subsidy has been eliminated due to the change in the TIF interpretation.

Mr. Renneisen introduced Danielle McClelland, manager of the Buskirk Chumley Theater.

Ms. McClelland addressed the Board. She thanked Shaun McDermott, the theater treasurer. Ms. McClelland provided a slide presentation giving an overview of the operation of the theater during the past 12 years.

She stated that when BCT Management took over the operation of the theater in 2001 structural partnerships were developed with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, the Bloomington Economic and Arts District, Visit Bloomington and Downtown Bloomington Incorporated. The theater is the core of the arts district and the front door to the arts and culture of Bloomington. It is located at the center of the arts and entertainment district serving as its anchor.

The philosophy of the theater is to cultivate “natural” cultural districts. These areas are defined as places with social diversity, economic, living situation, and culture of origin. They also provide a large area of cultural engagement with participants, providers, business and artists.

Ms. McClelland stated today the theater has 238 days of use with 49,573 in attendance with a large variety of types of organizations that are utilizing the theatre. There are 49 organizations; 30 locally based and 19 from Indiana University. Organizations include the Cardinal Stage Company, Indiana University African American Arts Institute, and large national acts. Local participants include Dancing with the Celebrities which has raised money over the last 7 years. There are collaborations between Contemporary Dance students and Jacobs School of Music composition students at the theater. She stated that the theater is a popular venue for weddings. Many organizations utilize the theater as a launching point to begin events such as the Taste of Asia, the Diwali Celebration and the Bloomington Native American Cultural Center Film Festival. The theater was also the venue for the world premiere of the Bleeding Heartland Roller Derby movie.

Ms McClelland stated the theater is a resource, an educator, a presenter, an initiator, supporter and producer, a front door, a sustainable business and a model and national leader. The theater is continuing to grow and develop. She stated the cost to operate is \$1200.25 per day and the cost to renters is \$654.00 per day. The difference between the two numbers has been the support received from the City of Bloomington, sponsors and donors throughout the community.

Mr. Carter thanked Ms. McClelland for her presentation of the theater and what it provides the community. The Board thanked Ms. McClelland.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the 2015 Management/Partnership Agreement with BCTM, Inc. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of 2015 Price Schedule

Mr. Renneisen stated that there have been no additional comments from the public since the October Board meeting. Mr. Carter and Ms. St. John commented on the cover picture of the new Price Schedule. Mr. Renneisen thanked Julie Ramey for her work on the cover.

Mr. Hoffmann made a motion to approve the 2015 Price Schedule. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – none

D-2. Recreation Division – none

D-3. Sports Division –none

D-4. Administration Division – none

Mr. Renneisen advised there was no further business and reminded the Board of the next meeting is December 16th.

Mr. Hoffman congratulated the Department and staff for another economic development and Parks triumph for the city. Mr. Renneisen stated the Department was awarded its 27th ASA National Tournament. He stated we have been successful at bringing national tournaments to Bloomington since 1993. Mr. Renneisen stated he does not take the competitive process for granted. The tribute goes to the staff that put on the event. He stated if you don't get a good rating and reputation with the ASA Council, you do not have a chance. He thanked partners such as Visit Bloomington who help make the events possible. He stated the tournaments are significant economic generators. Some tournaments have more than 100 teams in attendance. Mike McAfee has estimated the event will have several million dollars of economic impact. He thanked the Board and Council for their continued support. He stated it is the staff that make it work and put in the long hours during National Tournament week.

Mr. Hoffman stated the Department is in a higher league and it is hard to stay at the top when everyone knows you are a big competitor. He encouraged the Department to think creatively for the future. He stated this is money well spent and a good investment.

Mr. Renneisen thanked the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesilyn Neely, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners