CITY OF NEW MEADOWS PARKS & RECREATION MEETING MINUTES HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Members Diane Markham, Joe & Oivia Sullivan, and Angie Mettie were present at City Hall. Committee Members Angie Crow was present via phone.

Mayor Julie Good was present at City Hall.

Public present were Linnea Hall and Aaron Ingle.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 P.M.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pop-Up Events

Olivia Sullivan stated that the first pop-up event had six children attend. The second pop-up event was cancelled due to rain. The fire pit was a good addition and should be considered in the future. I fire pit that can be brought in and carried out would work well, and could be used in the southeast corner of the park.

Future Pop-Up Events

The obstacle course pop-up event was rescheduled for Saturday, February 17th.

A third pop-up event will be held March 9th in conjunction with a Hello Spring event. Mayor Good will get flowers for the event and will also check on a venue of either the Depot or Community Center where refreshments can be handed out. The bench in the park can be set up then, as well as a recreational activity at the park for the kids.

Baseball Season

It was suggested that the wood bleachers be traded out with metal bleachers due to their poor condition. Aaron Ingle from the school attended and stated that Principal Fredrickson would like to see the wooden bleachers repaired. Mr. Ingle will check on the amount of lumber needed for the repairs and will talk with C&M about a possible partial donation of the materials. Mayor Good stated that she could help with the funding for this project. The project should be completed by May 1st, with baseball starting soon after. A start date for the project was projected to be April 1st.

Sign-ups for baseball will take place this year at the March 9th Hello Spring event, and will end at the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th. Sign-up sheets will be given to all students at school in K-5, and can be turned in at the city. Early sign-ups will receive a \$5 discount (\$20), and all sign-ups after March 30th will be charged \$25 per player. April and later sign-ups will still be able to play, but may not get a t-shirt.

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Basketball Update

Parks and Rec's decision to leave the basketball program under the school's umbrella and help only with logistics of sign-ups and finding coaches was sent to athletic director Brandy Padgett. She agreed with this proposal and the proposal has been sent to Principal Fredrickson for final approval.

Skate Park Fundraiser

Mayor Good will contact those involved with the skate park to find out their plans for an upcoming fundraiser.

Easter Activities

The annual contest to collect candy for the Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 11-20th at the school. The winning class will receive a pizza party. The annual Egg Stuffin' Party will take place on Saturday, March 23rd at the Community Center. Mayor Good will make sure it is available on that day. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 30th. Diane Markham volunteered to be the speaker for the event. Joe Sullivan can bring his sound system. Donation will be collected and delivered to the city. Flyers will be made for this event. A volunteer for the Easter Bunny is still needed.

Fundraising Activities

A community member from the Farmer's Market asked if Parks and Rec would be interested in holding an event once per month. This could also be a fundraiser. A Potluck lunch could be held and the Parks & Rec team could sell food items for this lunch. A raffle could be held with a picnic lunch basket or other fun summer prize.

A Softball tournament fundraiser was set for Saturday, September 28th.

The Bike-A-Thon fundraiser was set for May 10th. It will be determined at a future meeting what the Committee would like this money to go towards. Last year's funds went to the Bike Park construction.

Future Meeting Topics

Financial Report

Mayor Good would like a member from Parks and Rec to work with Kyla Gardner on a monthly financial report, which would show what money has been brought in, what was spent, and what the current balance is. Angie Crow was nominated for this position. She will give a report to the Committee each month on the financial status of the fund.

Farmer's Market

The Committee will discuss what dates, activities, and fundraisers they would like to have throughout the summer and early fall.

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Trunk-Or-Treat

The Trunk-or-Treat event was determined to be October 26th from 2-4pm. The earlier time will work well if the weather is cold. Othe items to consider will be a raffle, and involving businesses in this event.

Follow-Up

Follow-up on the above topics will also be added to the next agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

January 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the January 2, 2024 minutes and found no errors.

Committee Member Mettie moved to approve the January 2nd, 2024 meeting minutes;
 Committee Member Crow seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT	
The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M.	
	ATTEST:
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk	Diane Markham, Vice Chair