

**CITY OF NEW MEADOWS PARKS & RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS**

ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Members Angie Crow, Joe & Olivia Sullivan, and Angie Mettie were present, as was Mayor Julie Good.

Public present was Brandy Padgett.

The meeting was opened at 6:05 P.M.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Christmas Event – December 2nd

The Committee discussed activities for the Christmas event, which included a craft at the library, lights parade, tree lighting, music and caroling, and a business and residential decorating contest. Tasks were assigned, and Sunday, November 26th at 1pm was chosen as a community decorating day. Lights and decorations will be hung on this day. Fire pits will be obtained and Smores packets will be available for roasting on the fire. The Committee discussed the safest way to move the walking parade along the highway. This might include decorated ATVs, or having a fire truck in front of and behind the group of walkers. Flyers will be created for the event.

Bike-A-Thon Wrap-Up

Joe & Olivia were able to obtain a pass to Tamarack for Michaela, the bike-a-thon winner. The bike for this prize is too small for her, but will be offered to her, along with the certificate to Tamarack. Mayor Good stated that the funds raised by the bike-a-thon riders will be held by the city until the lease agreement is signed by the school. Michaela and her family will be contacted about picking up the bike and certificate at City Hall.

Future Activities

Mayor Good shared about the funds she has raised for Parks and Rec thus far. More funds will be coming in. Joe stated that he would like to begin purchasing equipment so that the Committee can have “pop-up” events in the coming months. Equipment such as soccer balls or a volleyball net were suggested. This winter, snowman building was suggested. The idea was to create “spur of the moment” activities for kids and adults. Mayor Good suggested that the text alert system could be used to advertise these events. Joe would like to add possible purchases to the next agenda. Mayor Good also suggested a punch card, where those in attendance could complete a punch card for a free ice cream cone or other fun prize.

ACTION ITEMS

Youth Basketball – Brandy Padgett

Brandy Padgett, athletic director for Meadows Valley School, addressed the Committee and asked if they would be interested in running the elementary basketball program, similar to how they run the summer baseball program. She explained that the program is 8 weeks, and usually runs from mid-October to mid-December. It is free, and all coaches and referees are volunteers. She

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is having difficulty finding referees, and has a small amount of funds to pay them with this year. If Parks & Rec took over the sport, they would be responsible for signing up the students, finding coaches and referees, and helping to schedule games. Reserving the gym would also need to be coordinated with Brandy.

The Committee discussed this proposal. If a sport is played off of city property, the city's insurance does not cover the event. Therefore, as with baseball, insurance would have to be purchased because practices and games would be played at the school.

The Committee chose to have Angie look in to the cost of insurance. They also would like to consider continuing to have the school run the program, but would be willing to help with signups, paperwork, and help finding coaches and referees. This item will be placed on the next agenda, along with insurance quotes, and a final decision will be made at that time.

October 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Committee Member Crow moved to approve the October 2, 2023 meeting minutes; Committee Member J. Sullivan seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Brianna Hoxie, City Liaison

ATTEST: _____
Diane Markham, Vice Chair