

# **AGENDA**

## **YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, December 7, 2015 – City of Yankton Community Meeting Room,  
Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street – 5:30 PM**

### **I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

- A. Roll Call.
- B. Consideration of November 2, 2015 Minutes. (attachment)
- C. Public Appearances.

### **II. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Sertoma North Fields update.
- B. Discussion of sports facilities and aquatics facilities improvements with future recommendation for City Commission. Updated draft of Quality of Life's improvements document (attachments).
- C. General Discussion.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Commission Information Memorandums (2 CIM attachments)
- B. Next Meeting Monday, January 4, 2015.

### **V. ADJOURN**

**MINUTES**  
**Yankton Park Advisory Board**  
**November 2, 2015**  
**Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street**

The meeting of the Park Advisory Board (PAB) was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**I. Routine Business**

A. Roll Call

1. Present: Lola Harens, Craig Sommer, Darcie Briggs, Tom Nelson, Dave Spencer, Bryan Schoenfelder
2. Absent: Carson Schott
3. Also present: Todd Larson, Director of Parks and Recreation, Chasity McHenry, Department Secretary

B. Consideration of October 5, 2015 Minutes

1. Briggs motioned to approve minutes, Harens seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Public Appearances – Andy Bernatow, Doctor Kamshoff

**II. Old Business**

A. None

**III. New Business**

- A. Meridian Bridge Plaza update- Stainless steel weir installed and was tested Monday, November 2. Also, a stainless steel grate has been installed in the upper basin of the fountain to keep people out of the basin as the grate is 6” below the top of the concrete. Phase 2 work completed- both walking paths, three musical instruments, four corten steel planters, some of the concrete pad for benches. Work still planned- more concrete pads for benches, four National Park Service signs including a Meridian Bridge History plaque for the entry area of the lower level, in the same area will be a trails map detailing the trails on the Nebraska side, and then two plaques for on the lower level of the bridge with one detailing the Missouri River as a crossroads of culture and another detailing the 1881 flood that destroyed Green Island and south Yankton.
- B. RR underpass- After all these years the underpass is finished!!!
- C. Discussion of sports facilities and aquatics facilities improvements with future recommendation for City Commission- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Quality of Life’s improvements document. Updated document attached.
- D. Sertoma North Baseball Fields- Andy presented an idea to have the two infields on the north fields at Sertoma Park switched to artificial turf. The plan is attached. Recommendation: Have City work with the private group and donors to improve the two north baseball/softball fields at Sertoma Park. Motion Harens, Second Spencer. Motion passed 6-0.
- E. General Discussion-

**IV. Other Business**

- A. Commission Information Memorandums. Enclosed were the prior months CIM’s to assist the PAB members on Department activities. (2 attachments)
- B. Next Meeting: Monday, December 7, 2015

**V. Adjourn**

A. Briggs motioned and Harens seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

## 2015 Parks Advisory Board Quality-of-Life Priorities 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Updated

- Outdoor Aquatics Facility - Implementation of Master Plan
  - 2009 Cost estimate of \$5.8 million, estimated in 2016 dollars at \$8 million.
  - Need private dollars to help fund and get support.
  - Diving boards are an attraction.
  - Attendance: 2015- 16,122. 2014- 14,930. 2013-14,186. 2012- 19,997.
- Ice Hockey at Sertoma Park- Warming shed with restrooms
  - \$200,000
  - Need updated hockey participation numbers. 2012- 200. Projected 2015- 272.
- Riverside Baseball- Replace Softball field at Riverside w/ Baseball field & lights.
  - Remove street between baseball and softball field?
  - Move lime pits to another location \$2.5 million.
  - Plan for moving ag services and buildings, purchase property for field expansion.
  - Add tall nets to protect against foul balls between two fields as they are close in proximity
  - \$3.25 million based on Stockwell Plan
  - Need updated Riverside Baseball participation numbers. 2012- 110. Projected 2015- 113.
- Riverside Baseball- Replace Bathrooms & Concessions
  - Insulated building so water can be turned on in early spring for Mt. Marty games.
  - \$400,000
- Youth Softball at the SAC- Rearrange two existing fields and drainage areas to have five fields all at the SAC complex. Three regulation and two tee-ball.
  - Plan changed to have four regulation fields at SAC. Find other locations for softball tee-ball fields.
  - Need to meet with School District to see if they support this plan.
  - Participation 2015- 270 to 300. 2012- 328. Projected for 2015- 373.
  - Please see notes on 2<sup>nd</sup> page. Need costs. Stockwell, pretty pictures and estimates. Under \$1,000
  - Waiting on a scope of services and cost estimate to do the more comprehensive plan.
- Youth Football at the SAC - Field turf and lights for the two SAC fields so they can be more multi-use.
  - \$1.7 million
  - Need youth football participation numbers.
- Youth Soccer- Soccer Complex to house five full-size fields. 15 acres minimum.
  - Parking, restrooms, drinking fountains, concession stand, seating, and irrigation? How many acres to house these amenities?
  - One full-size soccer fields needs three acres.
  - Is five full-size fields really enough to house all soccer leagues?
  - \$1.5 million - \$2 million
  - Participation 2015- 500. 2012- 586. Projected for 2015- 479.
- Youth Soccer- Option 2 would be to have two locations for soccer.
  - Parking, restrooms, drinking fountains, concession stand, seating, and irrigation at both facilities?
  - SAC fields an option for one location if fields are turf? Shared use between high school football, youth tackle football, and soccer. \$1.7 million.
  - Second location for three fields? \$1 million
  - Tramp property to the west of the SAC sports fields? Old field @ Westside, Rodeo Grounds.
- Middle School Property- irrigation put in on east fields to accommodate more use by youth sports.
  - Need to meet with School District to see if they support this plan.

## Yankton School District Enrollment

K- 186; 1<sup>st</sup>- 184; 2<sup>nd</sup>- 199; 3<sup>rd</sup>- 200; 4<sup>th</sup>- 200; 5<sup>th</sup>- 202; 6<sup>th</sup>- 198; 7<sup>th</sup>- 173; 8<sup>th</sup>- 207; 9<sup>th</sup>- 234; 10<sup>th</sup>- 196; 11<sup>th</sup>- 221; 12<sup>th</sup>- 230;  
Total 2,687.

## 2015 Discussion of Expanded Softball Facilities at SAC

The first thing to keep in mind is all of the areas discussed in the scenario below would need to be examined by engineers to determine if facilities can fit, drainage is adequate, etc. I am not an engineer and do not claim that any of these scenarios would work without close examination by other professionals.

Second, any changes or additions to the SAC property would require approval from the Yankton School District.

1. Youth softball removed from Memorial Park
  - Two tee-ball fields created at SAC on the field north of the two current youth football fields
    - These two fields could be utilized by youth softball so all softball is at the SAC.
    - Field dimensions for tee-ball fields:
      - 25' to backstop, 55' bases, 125' foul line fences
      - Is outfield fence needed? If yes, it then limits the other multi-uses of this area. Utilize temporary fence when needed for tournaments so no permanent outfield fence needed?
      - Does field need lights? NO
      - Need skinned agri-lime infields
      - Need bleachers.
      - Is scoreboard needed?
      - Distance to parking will be a complaint.
  - Create three regulation size youth softball fields along Summit Street.
    - 25' to backstop, 55' bases.
    - 200' outfield fence, 60' skinned agri-lime infields.
    - Add lights to all three fields.
  - Do these fields, and the field at Riverside Park allow for no youth softball at Sertoma Park once all improvements are completed?

### Phases:

1. Adjust irrigation system on north field to allow for two tee-ball fields. Costs?
2. Layout and cut infields for two north tee-ball fields. Costs?
3. Purchase agri-lime for two north tee-ball infields. Costs?
4. Install backstops, dugouts, and side fencing for north tee-ball fields. Costs?
5. Install concrete path to access both north tee-ball fields. Costs?
6. Demolition of two current east fields, batting cage, spectator seating areas. Costs?
7. Re-grade all areas, bring in fill dirt where needed, create new drainage ways. Bring in black dirt for fields. Costs?
8. Install adequate drainage tile for three new fields. Costs?
9. Install irrigation system for three new fields. Costs?
10. Cut infields for three new fields. Costs?
11. Purchase agri-lime for three new fields. Costs?
12. Install backstops, dugouts, side fencing and outfield fencing for new fields. Costs?
13. Install scoreboards for three fields. Costs?
14. Install lights for three regulation fields. Costs? \$100,000 per field.
15. Install new batting cages for softball. Costs?
16. Install seating areas. Costs?
17. Shade structures for all five spectator areas. Costs?

Commission Information Memorandum

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**SUMMIT ACTIVITIES CENTER and RECREATION PROGRAMS**

2nd - half of October information:

Fitness Classes-	
Early Bird Boot Camp class	32 participants
Power Abs	61 participants
Prime Time Senior class	37 participants
Tabata class	49 participants
Tiny Tots Play Club	Closed for the season
Water aerobics	206 participants
Work-Out Express class	104 participants
Yoga classes	77 participants
Zumba class	34 participants

Rentals-

○ Birthday rentals-	8 parties
○ SAC courts-	8 hours
○ Theater-	0 hours
○ Meeting rooms-	8 hours
○ City Hall courts-	5 hours
○ Capital Building-	3 dates
○ Riverside shelters-	0 rentals
○ Memorial shelters-	0 rentals
○ Westside shelter-	0 rentals
○ Rotary outdoor classroom-	0 rentals
○ Sertoma shelter-	0 rentals
○ Tripp shelter-	0 rentals
○ Meridian Bridge	0 rental

SAC members-	2,062 people
SAC memberships-	849
SAC attendance-	2,519 visits
New members-	19 people

Thursday, October 22- Fall Swim Lessons ended. 87 participants.

Todd is working on the 2016 Ribfest event. Saturday, June 4, 2016. The event is going to expand and have music, food, and beer on Friday evening also.

Todd is working with Duane Johnson on preparing the Parks and Recreation Department web pages for the new City website.

**PARKS**

The Parks staff have installed the three musical instruments that are a part of phase II of the plaza development. They have also poured the concrete pads for the benches that will be placed throughout the plaza areas.

On the former Nikodym property, which was located to the north of the old Stern Oil Property, a plaque was installed flush with the ground just to the north and west of the light pole along the trail, to honor the Nikodym family and the Nikodym Oil Company. There will be a bench that is placed on the concrete pad next to this plaque.

The Parks Staff will be working with the National Park System to install two informational signs on the lower level of the Meridian Bridge and two signs at the entrance to the lower level of the bridge as a part of the development of trails on the Nebraska side of the Meridian Bridge. One of the signs will be a trails map of the trails on the Nebraska side, one will detail the history of the Meridian Bridge, one will be about the Missouri River being a crossroads of culture, and the final plaque will be about the flood of 1881.

The City has received the Christmas Decorations and Banners for the 2015 holiday season. The Street Department staff and the Parks staff have started to place the brackets on the poles. The banners will be hung as the brackets are switched out. The decorations will be put up as we get to the end of November.

The Parks Staff are delivering picnic tables, benches, trash cans, dumpsters, fence, and other event support materials as scheduled prior to the community's weekend events.

## **GOLF**

Amy, Al, and Todd, met with representatives from Great Life Golf and Fitness to discuss what advantages a partnership with them would mean for the golfers and fitness users at Fox Run and the Summit Activities Center.

Fox Run is planning for the simulator to be up and in use during the first week of November.

Commission Information Memorandum

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**SUMMIT ACTIVITIES CENTER and RECREATION PROGRAMS**

1st - half of November information:

Fitness Classes-	
Early Bird Boot Camp class	27 participants
Power Abs	58 participants
Prime Time Senior class	31 participants
Tabata class	37 participants
Tiny Tots Play Club	Closed for the season
Water aerobics	161 participants
Work-Out Express class	88 participants
Yoga classes	74 participants
Zumba class	49 participants

Rentals-

○ Birthday rentals-	9 parties
○ SAC courts-	4 hours
○ Theater-	32 hours
○ Meeting rooms-	1 hours
○ City Hall courts-	11.5 hours
○ Capital Building-	1 dates
○ Riverside shelters-	0 rentals
○ Memorial shelters-	0 rentals
○ Westside shelter-	0 rentals
○ Rotary outdoor classroom-	0 rentals
○ Sertoma shelter-	0 rentals
○ Tripp shelter-	0 rentals
○ Meridian Bridge	0 rental

SAC members-	2,140 people
SAC memberships-	892
SAC attendance-	2,945 visits
New members-	43 people

Monday, November 2- Tiny Tots Play Club started. Monday- Friday 9:00am – 11:00am gym time.

Friday, November 6- Adult Men's Volleyball League registrations due. 11 teams.

Wednesday, November 11- No School Special. 37 paid participants. Members free.

Saturday, November 14- Yankton Swim Team meet at the SAC Pool.

The Parks and Recreation Department received notice that it will be awarded one of the \$10,000 Wellmark Foundation grants for the play area in Riverside Park.

Todd will be meeting with Yankton School District personnel and school board members on Wednesday, December 16, along with youth softball representatives and some Parks Advisory Board members to discuss the expansion of softball fields at the SAC property. There are private donors interested in expanding the softball complex at the SAC property.

Todd is working on the 2016 Ribfest event. Saturday, June 4, 2016. The event is going to expand and have music, food, and beer on Friday evening also.

## **PARKS**

Todd and Jim Snook met with Andy Bernatow and Pat Slowey to begin the work of removing agri-lime and dirt from the infields at the two north Sertoma Baseball fields. Artificial turf will be installed on the two infields prior to the 2016 summer baseball season.

The Parks staff have installed two National Park Service informational signs at the entrance to the lower level of the Meridian Bridge and two on the lower level of the bridge. The Parks staff also installed nine benches in Bridge Plaza.

Todd and Jim Snook worked with the Fountain People representative and now have the LED lights at Plaza Spray Jets working properly.

The work items remaining for Phase II of the Plaza include planting of flowers in coreten steel planters, installing stainless steel backslashes behind the planters, and relocating six Riverwalk Sculptures to the plaza area.

The Parks Staff is working with a contractor to have sidewalk installed along the north side of 19<sup>th</sup> Street at Sertoma Park.

The City has hung all the Christmas Decorations and Banners for the 2015 holiday season. The new snowflake banners have been hung on the Broadway poles north of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The sprays and bows have been hung on the five intersections on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. New lighted garland and bows were hung on Broadway starting at the Discovery Bridge and heading north to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **GOLF**

A proposal for the 2016 golf rates adjustment will be before the commission on December 14.