



**City of Covington
Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes**

March 22, 2012

City Council Chambers

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL Present: Dave Aldous, Kollin Higgins, Conni Elliott, Steve Pand, William Pand, Bryan Higgins, Liz Fast

CITY STAFF PRESENT Scott Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The February minutes were approved as amended.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

There was no continued business

**NEW
BUSINESS**

1. **Covington Community Sports Annual Report**—The agreement to renew the contract with CCS is based on review of satisfactory performance, so this is the first annual report. The contract w/CCS expires at the end of May or June. Erick Schug, Brad Price and Kim Webster submitted a report with some demographic data from 2006-present. Their main mission is getting kids into the program, and participating in sports/recreation. Field shortages have compromised the quality of the program by causing shorter practices, smaller field/gym space, or denial of participation. CCS plans to expand their grant writing and partnerships to help offset the costs of the program. The Commission felt very favorable toward the CCS program. Kollin suggested that they require addresses of the program participants so that they can provide more concise demographics. Scott suggested that they assess the conditions of the fields they use so they can figure out solutions and gain field utilization. The Commission passed a motion to endorse the renewal of the CCS agreement with the City.
2. **Plan for Arbor Day (March 27)**—Tuesday at 2:30pm; Steve and Dave will join Scott at Friendship Park with 13 Japanese students to plant 2 cherry trees. There will be City staff, the Mayor and some Council members. Scott anticipates at least 30 people at the event. The students will be recognized at

- the Council meeting later that evening.
3. **Plan for Earth Day (April 21)**—9am at Covington Community Park. Scott will order 4 new cedar trees to replace the ones that died. The local Order of the Arrow has already been in and cleaned up some of the storm damage. That debris will be removed. The project will focus on clearing the soil around the trees, and trail clearing.
 4. **Aquatic Center 35th Anniversary Report**—William attended the 35th Anniversary Celebration. He stated that the event seemed successful. Mayor Harto attended and passed out awards. At the following Council meeting, the Mayor was very outspoken about supporting the Aquatic Center. This is the beginning of the 35th year celebration, and will continue through the year.
 5. **BPAC Report**—Kollin attended the first meeting of the BPAC. Their meeting schedule is tentatively the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, through 2012. Kollin suggested that William (a BPAC alternate) attend the meetings, and for the Commissioners to attend when they can.
 - Scott would like our volunteer hours by month, not just a total.
 - The CM discussed the possibility of cancelling the July meeting, unless there is a need to meet at that time.

**GOOD OF
THE ORDER**

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

There were no comments.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Conni Elliott

Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission