City of Covington  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Minutes

May 16, 2012  
Covington Aquatic Center

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  
Excused Absent: Liz Fast

CITY STAFF PRESENT  
Scott Thomas, Ethan Newton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA  
The April minutes were approved as amended.

CITIZEN COMMENTS  
No citizens were present.

CONTINUED BUSINESS  
There was no continued business

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Aquatics Update** —Aquatics Supervisor Ethan Newton reviewed the  
   PowerPoint handouts that he presented to BPAC, provided an update of  
   activities at the Aquatic Center and the progress toward meeting their goals per  
   the PROS plan. The current programming has achieved a cost recovery rate of  
   65%.

2. **2012 Capital and Operating Budget Priorities (2 of 2)** —Scott stressed the need to establish priorities for next year’s budget. The major push for the initial phase of Covington Community Park will be completed by this time next year. Chairman Pand emphasized the need for a Park Planner to develop new projects. CM discussed the importance of having a Planner who can help the Commission and the Council create a vision that they can bring to the residents/voters for future ballot considerations. The CM also discussed the need for additional programming and events/festivals.

3. **Plan for Park Tour (June Meeting)** —We’ll meet at the City Hall and travel to Cedar Creek Park.

4. **Debrief Earth Day** — The volunteers cleared a lot of the holly and scotch broom, filling the large dumpster that Allied Waste brought by. The Order of
the Arrow went in after the volunteer event came in and cleared more holly.

5. **Plan For Parks & Recreation Month (July)—** The summer concert series is starting right after Covington Days. More discussion will follow.

6. **Plan for Joint Arts, Parks & Council (?) Meeting (Sept 20th)—** We will be meeting with the Parks Commission and City Council in September. BPAC has been asked to participate. City Manager Matheson will present the State of the City report.
   - There are numerous vacancies on the Arts Commission. Scott would like us to spread the word amongst our neighbors and acquaintances.
   - Covington Community Park bid is open tomorrow. 12 firms requested plans.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- The Impact Fee Study presentation is scheduled for the Tuesday, June 12 council meeting.
- There are 4 private fences along the Pipeline Trail that will be removed by Williams Pipeline.

**COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

There were no comments.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Conni Elliott*

Secretary
Parks & Recreation Commission