City of Covington
Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes
May 15, 2013
Covington Council Chambers
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

ROLL CALL
All Members Present: Steve Pand, William Pand, Dave Aldous, Conni Elliott, Troy McIntyre, Liz Fast, Laura Morrissey

CITY STAFF PRESENT
Pat Patterson, Ethan Newton, Scott Thomas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
1. April minutes were approved as amended with a date correction.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Covington Community Sports represented by Brad Price, Erick Schug, Kandice Harkins

CONTINUED BUSINESS
There was no continued business.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Covington Community Sports Annual Report—CCS presented their annual report regarding accomplishments, participation, field use, and school equipment donations. Some challenges for 2013 include increased program costs, local business engagement, and degradation of school facilities. They continue to solicit scholarship funding for the over $6700 in scholarships they gave away in 2012. There is some question about priority over schools, and Pat or Scott will review the contract language. CCS deems the current availability of field space as “extremely difficult”.

2. Field Use and Recreation Programming and Fees—City Council provided guidance on priority use of the field at CCP. They would like P&R to use market rate pricing to groups, and provide balance between the groups/use/price. The Council would like to vary the use by type of activities, so that a variety of groups are served with emphasis on local users, youth, soccer, CCS and KCYS. Areas still in question are a preferential pricing model and a wear/tear premium. The P&R department is submitting their plan to Council on May 28.

3. Aquatics Annual Update—Ethan Newton presented annual Aquatics report including staffing, programming, and renovation. There is some concern that there is almost full utilization of programming slots, and that we’ve hit the pricing ceiling.

4. 2014 Capital and Operating Budget Request (Discussion 2)—City budget process starts in June; Directors receive the budget instructions/parameters then. Steve reminded CM that we advocated for maintenance staffing and a Parks Planner. The CM also discussed special events/outdoor programming, and adding “recreation” classes of some kind. Scott differentiated between classes you register for and free, family events that the P&R/City sponsors.

5. Parks, Arts, Aquatics, Recreation Citizen Committee—

6. Joint Meeting with Council (Tues, June 11, 6pm)—

7. Park Tour Planning—

8. Debrief Earth/Arbor Day--

GOOD OF THE ORDER
• CCP Ribbon Cutting—Saturday, June 8, 11am
With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Conni Elliott

Secretary