

Karen Hornaday Park Committee December 5, 2011 Meeting Synopsis

December 5, 2011 Chair Robert Archibald called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
Members present were Marty McCleery, Ralph Broshes, Tricia Lillibridge, and Miranda Weiss.

Note: Recording system was not functioning

Agenda was approved.

Public Comment

Beth Cumming was the only person to give Public Testimony.

A copy of her testimony is enclosed for the record.

One of Beth's main concerns is the City Administration is making decisions which should be first discussed by Parks and Recreation Commission for further recommendations.

No Reconsideration items.

Synopsis of Nov. 14 Meeting was approved

There were no visitors.

Committee Report

- HoPP, Miranda,

The Group is working out the Final Design Plan with the Playground Design Company. Working on Fund Raising and Volunteer Recruiting.

Fence Picket Sale is moving along and many were sold at Nut Cracker Fair. There are a total of 400 to sell at \$50 each.

There is lots of Public Interest in the Playground Project. There is still a large percent of the Public that are not aware of the Project.

Build Week is still scheduled for late May.

- Security at the Park

The conversation with Homer Police Dept. (Lt. Rosencrans) was discussed. The Department said that it is very difficult to guard against all vandalism. Lt. Rosencrans agrees the best idea was to make arrangements for a Park Host. This could be very effective and more likely to deter mischief than doubling patrol drive through.

The Committee agreed on a formal recommendation to go to the Commission, to send a request to the City Council to establish a Park Host Program and look into utility hook up for the Host Trailer.

Pending Business

A. Adopt a Park Program

Program was discussed and it was very clear that City Parks could benefit from some help. There are lots of organizations in Homer, which could participate in such a program. The Committee felt that after the HoPP Project is completed it would be easier to find volunteers for this project. Members will stay engaged in this issue and spread the information as possible.

B. Remove the Red Shed

The Committee decided to send a Formal Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission to send on to the City Council. A copy is enclosed.

C. Annual Fall Clean-up Day

This subject was discussed and a Formal Recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission is enclosed.

d. KHP Road Realignment Cost Estimate

This report was not finished by end of November as foreseen by Public Works. The Committee found this most distressing but understood the demands on Mr. Myers.

New Business

A. The Committee will meet again Feb. 9th and hope there will be some figures by then.

Next Meeting Date, Feb. 9, 2012, and March 1, 2012

Comments from the Audience

Beth Cumming again stated the city officials decided on the items for Phase 1 of the KHP Master Plan. This should have gone through the Parks and Recreation Commission first for discussion. Beth further stated that cost estimates are usually high from Public Works.

Chair Archibald explained this was taking into account the Bidding Process, Contractor prices and Davis Bacon Wage Scales.

Beth commented that if the city is not going to move the road and develop safe parking, what are they going to do next?

There was some discussion on this and the Committee will ask that question at the next meeting.

Comments of the Committee

All thought some progress was made. It was expressed that this was a Special Meeting to discuss the Cost of Moving the Road. This figure was not forthcoming.

Comments of the Chair

This is a volunteer committee with articulate and knowledgeable members. It a shame if time is wasted in this manner. Chair Archibald may have been remiss in not canceling, however the receipt of some figures on costs was hoped for.

Submitted by
Robert Archibald