

Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

November 2016

Final

Gary Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Country Club

In attendance: Debbie Sorensen, Ron Jones, Mary Henning, Jane Barfield, Judy Griffin, Bill Puskas, Gary Griffin and Val Coulter.

POA Employees: Tom Judson, John Urquhart, Joan Glubczynski, John Walsh and Alex Graziani

POA Liaisons: Pat Laurey, John Nuttall and Josh Hart

Visitors: Colleen Carter, Bill Beekman, Sid Ruth and Jane Center

Minutes from prior meeting:

Minutes from October 2016 were approved via Internet and sent to Kyndall Ardoin .

Visitor:

Bill Beekman, Jane Center, Colleen Carter and Sid Ruth were at the meeting to ask this committee to consider a dog park on the east side of Bella Vista near Metfield. There are some 330 Townhouses near Metfield and the group is representing the homeowners and dog owners. Tom Judson and Mike Taggart have reviewed the possible locations for a dog park on the east side. They considered 4 locations and feel the Lake Ann area would be best for this new amenity. This location is only 2.5 miles from Metfield: The new bike skills park will be going into the upper area of the Metfield park near the grove of trees and adjacent to the parking lot. The Lake Ann location has the space and 'lack' of homes in the area so as not to disrupting neighbors. The group asked for a 'small dog' park since that is what most of the homeowners have. The committee agreed we would have a small and large dog park if we offer one.

It was mentioned that the west side dog park was paid for by the Bella Vista Animal Shelter. Cooper leases the land to Bella Vista and the POA agreed to maintain it.

Tom Judson is going to bring a proposal back to the committee at the December meeting. The POA is looking to add the money for this amenity in the 2017 budget.

Amenity Reports:

- **Branchwood**- Debbie Sorensen mentioned there is no current need to expand the parking lot at Branchwood but would like to see the lot sealed, and parking stripes redone. **Bocce Ball** interest is high and the Branchwood Facility will considered getting a court set up in 2017. Mary Henning will go back to Dee Williams, who offered to help financially with a court, once all of the proposals are final. Budget number is \$5,000 and Tom Judson will ask for it be in the 2017 budget. Alex Graziani said the courts will be 8' x 60' and the work will be done in-house.
- **Tanyard Creek Bathroom**- Bathroom needs to have the walls painted.
- **Golf Course Bathrooms** - Bathrooms need to have light fixtures and solar tubs cleaned of bugs.
- **Riordan Pavilion** - Bias Bowling is an amenity in place and quite popular. It is on the calendar and held every Tuesday at 11:00.
- **Community Garden**- Judy Griffin reported the current community garden may be moved. Mercy has offered Bella Vista a large bed (20x 3) for our use and Judy Griffin has agreed to head up this amenity project. The Young Residence group may be interested in helping. The garden is locked but the key is available 24/7 at the Mercy ER department.

Staff Reports:

- **POA Budget**- The POA budget for 2017 will be presented at Riordan Hall on December 8th at 6:00. Once the budget is presented, the Board will then vote to approve the 2017 budget later in the week. New budget numbers will go into effect on January 1, 2017. The final fee schedule, for all of the amenities that require fees will be presented at this time as well.
- **Primitive Tent Sites at Blowing Springs** - We recently tested primitive camping at Blowing Springs with the recent International Mountain Biking World Summit. Plans are underway to offer primitive camping starting in the Spring of 2017.

- John Urguhart reported the maintenance crews are winterizing the facilities that need to be winterized. **Loch Lomond trail** has been resealed. **Lake Rangers** contacted 50% more people this October VS last due to the good weather we are having. The **Gun Range** held 4 special events in October.
- **Hours at recreation facilities** -Joan Glubczynski reported the Holiday Hours for recreation facilities for Thanksgiving Day will be 7-1:00 on Thursday. The Friday after Thanksgiving will be a "**special guest day**". Any Bella Vista POA member may bring in two 'free' guests per household on Friday. There will be no fitness classes starting the Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving through Sunday. The Tennis facility will have Winter hours of 10:00 - 3:00.

Starting January 2017, Metfield and Riordan will be open from 10:00-3:00 on Sunday. These are new hours for these two facilities. The new closing hour for these facilities will be at 9:00.

- **Mt. Biking World Expo** -This event brought in 400-500 people to Bella Vista and was held last weekend.
- **RV Park**- Our RV park is available to any Good Sam members, Bella Vista members or guests of members. Guests pay more and members get reservations further in advance.

New Business:

John Walsh, Director of Marketing, presented the new amenities brochure for Bella Vista. He has asked all of us to look it over for any corrections or changes. The newest version has the Back 40 added to it.

He also mentioned a "**Welcome Kit**" with approximately 15 items in it that is handed out to all new residents. This includes a Guide to Bella Vista.

Way Finding Signs- Bella Vista will have 14 new Way Finding Signs in 2016 and 18 additional signs in 2017.

Pat Laury suggested we consider part of the ARK-MO land for primitive camp sites. A map was handed out but no further discussion was considered at this time.

Judy Griffin has volunteered to represent the committee at the POA Board meeting on 11/17/2106.

Amenity Assignments for 2017:

Amenity	Committee Member
1 Branchwood Complex & Trail	Debbie Sorensen
2 Gun/Pistol Range	Ron Jones
3 RV Storage & Lake Ann Park	Tony Byars
4 Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis	Mary Henning
5 Loch Lomond Recreation Complex.....	Gary Griffin
6 Tirie Park (Lake Loch Lomond).....	Gary Griffin
7 RV Park and Blowing Springs Park	Val Coulter
8 Tanyard Creek & Lake Avalon Park	Bill Puskas
9 Metfield Facility	Jane Barfield
10 London Park (Lake Windsor).....	Judy Griffin

**Next meeting will be December 15th at
4:00 at the Country Club.**

Submitted by Debbie Sorensen
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