

## **POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**

**January 8, 2018**

**FINAL**

Gary Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 at Riordan Hall.

In attendance: Gary Griffin, Debbie Sorensen, Judy Griffin, Mary Henning, Bill Puskas, Jane Barfield, Ron Jones, Val Courter, Jan Dobbertin

POA employees: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, John Urguhart, Leia Bush, Joan introduced Jake Shoemake, new Tennis Manager and Head Pro.

POA Liaisons: John Nuttall, Patrick Laury

Guests: Jerry and Rebecca Hover, Newcomers to Bella Vista and POA Board hopeful, and Dave Barfield

### **Minutes from prior meeting:**

Minutes from December 2017 were approved via internet and sent to Leia Bush.

### **Amenity Reports**

- Branchwood – Deb reported all is well at Branchwood. The renovations are set to begin in late February and in her written report Deb suggested the ceiling lights be cleaned and some bulbs replaced.
- Gun Ranges – Ron reports the users at the gun ranges continue to appreciate the facility and the helpfulness of the attendant. The beginning pistol users' event was well received. The staff has requested a satellite dish to support computer functions such as running credit cards and check in. Ron expressed some concern about the closing of Branchwood and how that will affect the process of getting a key. It was discussed and agreed upon that the keys would likely be at the Highlands Clubhouse.
- RV Storage and Lake Ann Park – Judy said the RV Storage is fine, as well as is Lake Ann Park. Reporting on London Park is also Judy's responsibility and she observed a lot of Christmas trees there and is assuming that will be a pick up point for lake staff to pick up trees for installation in the lakes. Patrick Laury asked about covered storage at the rv storage facility. Tom said the storage is approximately 90 percent full and that there are covered units down the road from the POA one. He indicated the return on investment would take a long time.

- Riordan Hall and Tennis Complex-Mary said that all is quiet right now at the complex, but activities will pick up dramatically when Spring hits. The next event is the Valentine's Dance. Tom addressed the driveway issue which was discussed at the December meeting. The determination was made that the entrance is narrow but not narrowing further and hasn't deteriorated. It would cost a considerable amount to redo the entrance and he is reluctant to spend the dollars due to future Riordan plans. Regarding the Christmas displays at Riordan, Joan said she had several questions about the display. She said the lights are extremely outdated, some with bad wiring. Time and money constraints and the fact that we will never compete with the Bentonville lights contributed to the decision to a more simple display. The issue may be addressed at a later date.
- Loch Lomond-Jan reported all is well there. She had a report of some food products hidden in the brush which may have indicated someone living there. However, after checking a couple of times, she found nothing but will keep checking. She will also get back to Rick with a specific location so the staff can watch the area for possible squatters. The park was full on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>. There was a softball and home run tournament on the ball diamond. There were lots of enthusiastic participants.
- Tirie Park- The park is about the same, according to Gary. It is in very good shape.
- RV Park and Blowing Springs Park-Val reported there have been lots of hikers and bikers at Blowing Springs.
- Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon – Bill says all is good at Tanyard Creek. He did find the restrooms locked, and believed they should be unlocked. Rick reported an issue with frozen pipes and the restrooms will be reopened. Lake Avalon Park looks good, and the beach is coming right along. Tom said that the stumps showing will remain since all stumps that needed to come out are out. The beach is expected to open this Spring to early Summer.
- Metfield Complex- Jane says all at Metfield is great. Her husband, Dave, suggested something be done to keep the volume down on the television by the free weight rack. It is sometimes blaring and disturbs some of the workout folks. Jane also said that the fitness center is 66 degrees and cold. Joan explained they keep it cool to keep the workout people happy.

#### **Staff Reports:**

- Tom Judson invited the committee to a tour of the Country Club at 4 PM on January 9<sup>th</sup>, and of Branchwood on the 10<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded the committee of Coffee and Questions to be held on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> as well. There have been 36 board packets picked up and 3 or 4 returned. The packets must be returned by close of business on Friday, January 12. The new web site launched and is being well received.

- Joan reported that the estimated close for Branchwood renovations will be late February or early March. Work at the expansion area will take 3-4 weeks then the entire building will be shut down for approximately 14-16 weeks. Tom reminded us that the adult heated outdoor pools will be opening around May 1. Work continues on the disc golf course at Branchwood. This is being built in response to several requests. Users of the Branchwood trail have requested mile markers. Those may be installed this spring. Cold weather caused broken pipes at Kingsdale, Blowing Springs and Riordan. Metfield had sprinkler head problems as well. There will be a committee formed to study feasibility of and bidding for a new community center. This would replace the Riordan facility. A study should be completed by this summer. Joan also reported that the check in station at Avalon Beach is completed and the retaining wall is done. Bill asked about showers. There will be outdoor showers, aka beach showers. There are special tennis events in the planning. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held again in 2018. There will be pictures with the Easter Bunny prior to the hunt. The Spring Bazaar will be held on April 21. It will be held in conjunction with kid sign-ups for summer activities including classes, tennis camp, golf camp.

Debbie asked about the Tai Chi classes. Joan said there are 33 signed up for the demo class and that the class should be able to accommodate up to as many as 30. Debbie wondered about the possibility of offering Tai Chi at Branchwood. Joan indicated that might be a possibility in the future.
- Rick reports that there will be a conceal carry class on January 21, which is full. There is another one scheduled for February 18, which he assumes will be equally well attended. Loch Lomond level came up some with the recent rains. The lakes will remain down until February 15. The staff is getting started with the aqua culture project on the golf course ponds. There is a new cage being installed at the Lake Avalon heated dock. This was necessary due to recent thefts.

#### **New Business:**

Patrick Laury asked about the heavy equipment at the front of Riordan. Joan explained there has been a major electrical problem at Riordan and Carroll Electric is currently working on it.

Jane volunteered to represent to committee at the POA Board meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2018.

**NEXT MEETING will be at 4PM Monday February 12, 2018 at Riordan Hall.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

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