

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

March 12, 2018

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

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

POA employees: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, Leia Bush, John Urguhart

POA Liaisons: John Nuttall, Dave Brandenburg

Guests: Jerry Hover, POA Board Candidate, Lori Trautwein and Steve Bourke, possible new committee member

Minutes from prior meeting:

Minutes from February 2018 were approved via internet and sent to Leia Bush.

Amenity Reports

- Branchwood – In addressing the upcoming renovations, Deb asked about replacing the drain in the base of the hot tub. It has been reported as a trip hazard. Joan explained that it has to comply with the Virginia Baker Act but that she would have Dean check into possibly obtaining a more current drain. A request had been made that the swim suit spinner be moved since the noise from it disrupts the classes in the pool. Maybe even install one in each locker room since the spinners require a drain. Joan said that these spinners are quite expensive but she could put it in the contingency fund for the Branchwood renovations. Deb also requested the parking be re-striped. That is in the Renovation plans as well.
- Gun Ranges – Ron reports new mulch has been applied and the ranges look great. He also said there are more conceal carry classes scheduled.
- RV Storage and Lake Ann Park – No report
- Riordan Hall and Tennis Complex-Mary reports that the staff is busy planning for upcoming events and complimented the maintenance crews for the appearance of the playground. Dave Brandenburg had a concern regarding the new mulch. He wondered if it needed to be 6" deep and wondered if 3" wouldn't be more cost and labor effective. Rick informed that the mulch is donated by the city from their tree trims and take downs and it wasn't purchased.
- Loch Lomond-Jan reported all is well there and that it looks great.

- Tiree Park- Nothing changed here, according to Gary.
- RV Park and Blowing Springs Park-Val out of town but written report states there is nothing new there.
- Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon – Bill reports Tanyard restrooms look great with fresh paint and renovations. At Lake Avalon, the fence is installed and the restrooms are undergoing renovations at the current time.
- Metfield Complex-Jane reports all great there.

New Business:

- Lori Trautwein, one of the guests, had questions regarding the new disc golf course. Her house backs up to a part of the course. She has noticed workers placing flags on the property directly behind her which, according to a plat she had brought with her, is Cooper Property, not POA property. Lori is concerned about noise and Frisbees in her yard which might be created by being so close to her property. Joan is going to check on the property question since plotting now is to be only on POA property. She explained that the course will follow the old course and will be 18 holes, with a practice area near the tennis courts. Joan will follow up with Lori in the next few days to give her the information available to her.
- Gary said there have been four applications turned in for committee membership. Those will be reviewed. There will be several openings on the committee in the near future.
- Ron mentioned he had been in Florida and that the bocce ball courts were nice and there were at least 35 people waiting to play at 8 AM. Mary said she would like to cover the bocce ball court issue next month since she has had several inquiries about bocce ball in Bella Vista. Joan indicated that if the interest remains and the need is there, she may address bocce ball courts in the 2019 budget.
- Deb reported that there were 65 plus attendees at the Welcome Coffee last Saturday. It was almost a 50-50 split between retired and still working. Of interest was the fact that there were several new residents who had moved to Bella Vista from Springdale and Fayetteville with the amenities here being a big factor in their relocating here. Kim Carlson interviewed several people about how they heard about Bella Vista.

Staff Reports:

- Tom reported the Country Club will be opening in March. The tables and chairs are set up, the Welcome Center TV's are in place and working and it looks great. There were 22 lots sold at the recent judicial sale. Most were purchased by developers. The lots sold for an average of \$2,000 per lot. There are meetings to present the flood study being held on Tuesday the 13th and Thursday the 15th. Tom mentioned that Cooper is

currently identifying the Community land and the Commercial land in Bella Vista, and Tom will get a list of all commercial properties from them.

- Joan reported there is a focus group for the proposed community center. The group consists of a wide variety of younger and older residents. Cost will keep the center small, but will include an indoor pool and other amenities. The goal is to break ground for the facility sometime in 2020. The Branchwood renovation is waiting on Carroll Electric. The project can't start until they have done their necessary work. Joan is hoping to break ground soon. Current estimate is Mid-April. Joan reports that tennis courts 5 and 6 at Riordan will be rebuilt. All courts are in need of rebuilding, and new fencing is also needed. Blowing Springs upper RV Park is closed to do new sewer and electrical work and the office and restrooms there are being redone. At this time there will be no staging allowed at Blowing Springs lasting more than one day. The one day will be allowed only if space is available. The bridge on the South Side lower trails is having the steel deck replaced with a cedar one. This deck will last for many years and should be done in a week or so. The Avalon beach project is going well. Bathrooms and the outdoor showers are being installed. There will be a zip line added. The Grand Opening is planned for May 26.
- Rick reports the lakes are full. They are working with contractors/residents to allow them the ability to get the dock work they had planned completed. The lakes filled fast and Rick said they had expected 30 more days for completing those projects. The seasonal lake rangers will be starting soon. There are three openings there. He just filled a lab tech position. Rick's crew has completed work at Granton dock and at the Lake Avalon fishing dock he is replacing boards and straightening. The Lake Avalon fishing dock is locked due to some past problems. Rick says his phone number is on a sign there and if someone wants to fish on some of the cold mornings they can call him and he will unlock it for them. Rick's staff is currently stocking golf ponds.
- John reported that the gun range just completed its third Conceal Carry Class. The class was full and they are getting good feedback. The second one for March is scheduled for March 25. From here on as long as the interest remains there will be two classes per month. There is a beginner's class for gun owners and shooters beginning this week. Class size is limited to six per class. Cost for class is \$135 with everything furnished. High Schools and Colleges have inquired into using the range, possibly for matches. Their using the range would close it to residents for the day. Deb said that would be good PR for Bella Vista and the ranges.
- Judy Griffin from the Marketing Department brought a copy of the new Blowing Springs Guide for the committee's review. The brochure will be available in the Info Center at the Country Club and also at Blowing Springs.
- Gary will represent the committee at the March POA Board Meeting.

The next meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, April 9 at the Country Club

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM by Debbie Sorensen.

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