

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

April 9, 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, Chris Stockman, Jan Dobbertin

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

POA Liaisons: Pat Laury

Guests: Steve Bourke, possible new committee member, Dave Barfield

Gary introduced Chris Stockman, who has joined the committee, replacing Judy Griffin who is now a POA employee. Chris has lived in Bella Vista for approximately 6 months, moving here from the Chicago area, and has quickly become active in the community. He is looking forward to serving on the committee.

Minutes from prior meeting:

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

Amenity Reports

- Branchwood–Deb reported that Branchwood was closed last Thursday to enable Carroll Electric to begin work necessary for the upcoming expansion. She anticipates more short closures before the facility is closed for the addition and remodel. The new parking spaces are being heavily used, particularly in the mornings during class times.
- Gun Ranges – Ron stressed that the staff at the Range needs a satellite dish installed to support the computer functions and credit card machine. Tom Judson said the POA has doubled up on all internet outlets, which should help speed and also avoid drop offs. Usage is high at the Ranges and the staff is anxious to get the fourth Trap Range installed.
- RV Storage and Lake Ann Park – These amenities will be assigned at a later date.
- Riordan Hall and Tennis Complex-Mary reports the Tennis Complex is doing great, with many plans for activities there. Riordan staff is gearing up for the Spring Bazaar.

- Loch Lomond-Jan reports all is well at Loch Lomond Park. The dog park users are happy for the most part, the mowers worked last week and there has been some activity on the ball diamond. The pavilion continues to stay clean with no graffiti or destruction. The restrooms do need a good cleaning before the season gets busier. The timer for the light in the men's restroom doesn't work and the dispenser for paper towels is broken in the women's restroom. Tom suggested installing motion detector lights in the restrooms and Rick said the paper towel dispenser is being replaced.
- Tiree Park- The Park is about the same, according to Gary. The restrooms have opened and need a good cleaning.
- RV Park and Blowing Springs Park-Val reported nothing new there.
- Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon – Bill reports Tanyard looks good, as always. But, the paper towel holder in the women's restroom is broken and needs replaced. Lake Avalon Beach is looking good and much progress is being made. Bill checked the tile work in the restrooms, and observed excellent work.
- Metfield Complex-Jane reports all at Metfield is great. She said the classes in the fitness center are full and some have a waiting list. The new restrooms at the park should be completed sometime in May. In the meantime there are porta pots for use. Tom said they will have year round restrooms at the park so they won't have to be shut down in the winter. Jane asked about sail covers for the playground. Joan said sail covers will be included in all new playground equipment.

New Business:

- Mary Henning asked for a status on bocce ball. Joan said bocce ball courts are in the budget for 2019. A decent bocce ball court can be constructed for around \$5,000.
- Debbie asked how many vacancies are on the committee. There are going to be four. Several persons have submitted applications, all of whom are highly qualified to serve. Debbie also wondered about outside lights being on at Highlands Clubhouse when closed. Tom explained it was likely a photo cell and the lights are on from dusk to dawn, but he will check on it.
- Gary will represent the committee at the POA Board Meeting on April 26.

Staff Reports:

- Tom Judson had good news for the committee. He has been working with John Cooper regarding property for a dog park on the East side. He has worked out a 10 year lease agreement for \$1 per year for a parcel near Trafalgar and Castleford. The park will be larger than the existing dog park. The POA will make improvements of approximately \$5,000 a year, according to the agreement. Pat Laury expressed concern about the homes located near the proposed park. Tom said the property is fairly isolated and

residents currently use it for their dogs, so the proximity to homes should not be a problem. Jane asked about parking close to this proposed park. Tom said there is parking close to the property which is used for the trailhead and will be available for dog park users. Tom reminded committee members about the meeting tomorrow the 10th to discuss options for the golf flood area. No decisions will be made, just options presented. Pat Laury questioned the meeting time of 4 PM, saying that later times for meetings would help the residents who are still working. Tom said studies have shown the best meeting times are 10 AM and 4 PM. He also said the meetings are live streamed and on the web site and are also taped for those residents unable to attend the meeting.

- Joan reports that tennis courts 5 & 6 at Riordan are undergoing major renovation, a \$150,000 project. The manner in which the work is being done will allow the courts to last for years. A contract has been signed for the work to be done at Blowing Springs. The park office work is starting and sewer work should have started the 10th in the upper part of the park. The bridge at Blowing Springs is completed and looks great. The rains last week brought some floor damage, closing the park for one day. The community center planning is about two thirds finished. Pickleball has been a large and important part of that planning. Registration Day for Kids Summer Activities such as swim team, swim lessons, tennis camps and more will be held April 24 at Riordan Hall from 9-12. The Avalon Beach work is going well. Signage is currently being worked on. The beach volleyball court is being dug and the zip line, which is part of the playground, will be delivered by mid-May. Pat Laury asked about lighting at the beach. Since the beach will be open only until 8PM, and it is still light at that time during the summer, no lighting will be installed at the beach itself. The park will have lights, as usual. Tom said the POA is trying to be a good neighbor to the residents living close to the beach, therefore no lights were planned on the beach. According to Joan, the new playground equipment will be at the Avalon Beach the second week of May, Metfield the first week of June and Branchwood in late June. Work on the 18-hole disc golf course is progressing. There is lots of signage work being done now and hopefully the course will be open the end of May. Joan told the committee the property issue from the March meeting had been resolved. The work in question was preliminary work and was infringing on Cooper property. Judy Griffin said she had been told that the new disc course will be more challenging than others in the area, making it more appealing to those desiring a more challenging course. The Branchwood project is currently waiting for Carroll Electric to complete their work. They did some work last week but need another day of shutdown to complete it. It will likely be mid-May before the facility closes completely. Joan reported a young boy was discovered sleeping in the Kingsdale restroom and there has been camping reported on the trails. Mary had a report of someone open carrying walking the Tanyard Trail, unsettling other hikers.

- Rick reported Avalon Beach had undergone in-house testing for ecoli. There was none detected. The state will test as well and the water will be retested approximately one time a month after the beach opens. His staff also began treatment for algae at the beach on Monday the 9th. Rick and staff have relocated 400,000 fish to the golf course ponds, and the sampling of the lakes has been completed. The Lake Rangers made 1,169 contacts in March. Construction on the marina continues. The new fees for these slips will be effective May 1. Boat registration checks began on April 9. His staff removed a tree blocking the view onto Glasgow at Loch Lomond Park. Rick also has filled four positions with one more to fill, which is for Grounds Maintenance Worker. He interviewed for that position on April 10.
- John reports March was a busy month on the Gun Ranges. Rifle and pistol range was used by 468 members and guests and the trap and skeet range was also busy. Staff is currently building new target hangers. The recent two conceal carry classes were full and the one beginners class was about half full. On Sunday the 8th there was a large trap shoot. The numbers tied the largest shoot ever...13,000 shells fired. The fourth trap range will be added after the beach is done.
- Judy Griffin from the Marketing Department showed the committee pamphlets that will go into Welcome Packets. Debbie suggested these would be good material to present at the Welcome Coffees as well. The e-newsletter is showing a 40 percent click rate. In 2016 there were 4,300 people receiving the e-letter, 2017 the number rose to 8,200 and in 2018 there are 10,200 receiving it. Judy also reports the Recreation Newsletter click rate is also right at 40 percent. Advertising revenue for these newsletters is going up as a result of the high click rates. Judy also briefly talked about the Community Garden. The location will be the same as in the past and is still in cooperation with Mercy. She gets inquiries on a regular basis asking for individuals to lease spaces in the garden.

The next meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, May 14 at the Country Club

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.

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