

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee 2020

January 15, 2020

Pending

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

In attendance: Gary Griffin, Ken Fink, Jackie Gain, Mary Henning, Jan Dobbertin, Val Coulter, Steve Bourke, Chris Stockman.

POA employees: Joan Glubczynski, Trey, Jessica Anson, John Urguhart, Rick Echols, Judy Griffin,

POA Liaisons: Jerry Hover

Guests: None

Amenity Reports:

Branchwood

Gary read Debbie Sorensen's report that indicated the Branchwood pool will closed for 2 weeks for some maintenance. Some members complained about the work being done now vs. the summer but there is a \$20K cost savings to do the work now. Jessica contacted the city about fixing the direction sign.

Tiree Park

Ken reported that the park is in excellent condition for this time of year

RV Storage & Lake Ann Park

Jackie reported that the storage facility looks good. She noted some newly vacant storage spaces during her visit to RV storage. From Lake Ann she said the residents appreciated the warning about water rise from the storm so they could take precautions with their work areas. She notes Christmas trees coming in for lake structure and commented that members would like to have a plumbed toilet facility at the park.

Riordan Hall Complex and Tennis

Mary reported that the playground was clean and people were enjoying it, the hall was getting ready for the Valentines party, operating hours changed to match Branchwood and folks were getting used to that. Tennis courts were fine.

Loch Lomond Recreation Complex

Jan says everything looks great. Damage from storm cleaned up and chain link fence is in process of repair. Metal roof of first base dugout was flapping in the wind and needs repair. Restrooms clean but a soap dispenser needs to be replaced and that is in process. Dog park users are happy with the park and the POA staff was complemented for the excellent repairs after the storms.

Gun Ranges

Gary reports that the ranges have been very busy but they are looking good. A canceled carry class was being conducted on Sunday and because they have been so popular more classes are being offered during the winter season.

Tanyard Creek & Lake Avalon Park

Steve reports both parks are in good shape and Tanyard Creek is always full with users. All in good order at Lake Avalon. He talked about the attractiveness of a new bridge built near the beach as a part of the Little Sugar trails and recommended that folks visit to take a look. He also notes a large tree that is very close to the bridge and may become trouble so Joan and Trey will discuss the matter with the trail builders to mutual resolution.

Metfield Complex and London Park

Chris reported that Metfield in general looks good. Some folks were enjoying the playground during his visit. Two items that need to be watched include the condition of the door on the men's restroom and some erosion in the playground carrying the mulch into the parking lot during heavy rain.

New Business

Next Welcome Meet and Greet is on March 7, 15 people are already registered.

Committee interaction with membership is increasing. Two examples include a letter received providing suggestions to improve the dog park and a conversation about the archery range. Here a gentleman with a strong archery background approached Tom Judson about helping develop the archery range should it become an official POA project. The location near the gun ranges is seen as beneficial as it would allow shared use of facilities like the restrooms. In summary, committee members were encouraged to seek interaction.

Rick Echols

Working on retraining Lake Ann to the desired draw down level after last week's rain. Commented that as recreational lakes the water level control is reactionary. They are not intended for flood control so preemptive water level adjustment is not a practice. The baseball field repair is almost complete. Dredging is permitted at London Landing and Stoney Kirk and will start when weather allows as will the dredging at 2 locations at Lake Ann. John Urquhart was complimented for conducting gun classes Saturday despite the weather conditions because members requested the class to go on. John in turn said winter gun class participation was strong, range revenues were a bit softer, though, recently.

Joan Glubczynski

Playground mulch runoff is an issue but maintenance is going to put in a barrier in a drop off area to prevent erosion when weather allows. The mulch is a special mix rated for playgrounds and must be special ordered. A load will be delivered in the Spring for the area. The men's restroom door is being monitored. Blowing Springs doing well with many high use POA members. Rates went up \$2.00 day.

Clarified that the park was not identified for any special treatment in the 2020 plan. WiFi in the park is a struggle to keep consistent due to topography but IT is working to improve it. Second annual Haggart concert coming up in March.

Great response to 12 mile opening of the South section of Little Sugar Trails. Trey elaborated that 2 trails leave out of Riordan. The one starting near Papa Mikes is scenic and great for walkers as is the wider 1.7mile Tweety Bird loop. A trail use section of parking at the Riordan complex is being drawn up before warm weather fills up the other nearby amenities. Other parking is at the water tower.

Judy Griffin

Quorum was reached on Friday for the 2020 vote. Volunteers are still requested for calling 2020 voters before the poll closes Thursday. Voting results will be revealed Thursday at 6:00 at Riordan and also streamed live on Facebook.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30

NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 10TH AT THE COUNTRY CLUB AT 4:00

Minutes submitted by Chris Stockman

December 31, 2019

Bella Vista Recreation Committee
c/o Mary Henning
Bella Vista Property Owners Assoc.

Dear Committee Members,

I am a resident and property owner and enjoy many of the amenities provided. I also have two poodles that also enjoy the dog park and walking trails. I would like to offer a suggestion for consideration when it is time to upgrade or add another dog park.

When we lived in Casa Grande, AZ, we often went to the city dog park. Although it lacked the trees we have here, it did offer a walking oval for humans and their dogs off-leash. It was probably a 0.1 mile pea gravel oval surrounding a grassy center for the dogs to play. It also offered a shade cover with benches/chairs for those not able to take advantage of walking the oval.

I would like to offer this idea to the committee for consideration on a future dog park. The one remaining is relatively small for the number of dogs that frequent it weekly. The grass is worn down quickly and it is muddy after every rain – even the small showers. It could be expanded with a walking oval so humans can get some exercise while their dogs are playing or walking with them off leash. This would distribute the play over a larger area so hopefully the grass would not get worn down so quickly and both the two legged and four legged can get exercise.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel welcome to contact me if you have questions.

Respectfully,

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POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Tanyard Creek, Avalon Beach

Committee Member: Steven Bourke

Review Month/Date: January, 2020

Overall Condition:	<i>Tanyard -All in good shape. Bathrooms were clean and stocked. Lots of people enjoyed TC over the holidays. Avalon - All in pretty good shape. The soft trails around Avalon includes a foot bridge, visible on your right as you enter the Avalon Beach Parking area. It is a well-built bridge and is really interesting, essentially adding a new feature to the Avalon park area. It's worth a visit when you have a chance to check it out up close.</i>
Areas for Review:	<i>Tanyard Swinging Bridge - needs structural / safety review. Waterfall viewing area needs structural / safety review and remediation due to significant erosion of underfootings.</i>
Member Interactions:	<i>None.</i>
Additional Observations:	<i>Suggestion: Before "accepting" the bridge as is, request the large tree on the west bank be cut so it is not a threat to the bridge. As it is, growing out of the side bank with roots exposed, and reaching directly over the bridge, currently within 6 inches of contacting the bridge structure, it could cause extensive damage to the bridge when the tree eventually loses its attachment to the side bank.</i>

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: RV Storage & Lake Ann Park

Committee Member: Jackie Gain

Review Month/Date: December 2019 – report date 01/13/20

Overall Condition:	Good
Areas for Review:	One recurring suggestion when talking to members is to install a flushing toilet.
Member Interactions:	
Additional Observations:	Lake Ann park usage has been minimal due to lake draw down. Weekend rain effected a significant rise, appreciated the warning to relocate items on or near lake bed. Currently collecting Christmas trees for lake disposal. RV storage had more empty spots than the last few times, maybe from holiday season?

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Metfield Complex

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: January 2020

Overall Condition:	Good condition. The park is clean but there is an area where the tree chips are washing out of the playground into the parking lot. There's a good amount of chips in the parking lot now.
Areas for Review:	Keep a watch on the degradation of the men's restroom door. The door is still fully functional.
Member Interactions:	A mom and a couple of kids were enjoying the playground on Sunday afternoon.
Additional Observations:	

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: London Park

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: January 2020

Overall Condition:	Good condition. The park is clean and orderly. Restrooms were clean and everything working well.
Areas for Review:	None
Member Interactions:	Sunday afternoon a gentleman was pulling off the launch ramp with a fishing kayak in his truck. Did not get a chance to chat.
Additional Observations:	

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Riordan Hall and Tennis Complex

Committee Member: Mary Henning

Review Month/Date: January 2020

Overall Condition:	Both are in good condition.
Areas for Review:	None
Member Interactions:	
Additional Observations:	Tennis – staff already working on Spring events and tennis association leagues. Riordan Hall – New hours implemented – closes at 8:00 p.m., the same as Metfield and Branchwood. Some are still adjusting to new hours. Next big event will be the Valentines Day Dance.

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex

Committee Member: Jan Dobbertin

Review Month/Date: January 2020/January 8, 2020

Overall Condition:	The restrooms are clean and stocked with the exception of the women's, where the soap dispenser is still empty or not working. POA crew working on fencing around ball diamond. Metal roof end of first base of dugout blowing and "flapping." A small repair might avoid further damage from wind. Noted several dog owners are not picking up after their dog.
Areas for Review:	Check soap dispenser in women's restroom. Refill or repair. Nail roof on end of dugout roof to avoid further damage.
Member Interactions:	Only one dog park user when I was there but he is very pleased to have the facility.
Additional Observations:	The park keeps improving due to lots of work from staff. With the mild temperatures, lots of walkers and folks using the pavilion to enjoy the outside.