

City of Newton – Recreation Commission

Minutes from October 8, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Recreation Chairman John Stiver

Members in attendance:

John Stiver, Marshall Pratt, Terry Abernethy, Mickie Drum, David Shugart, Bill Lutz, Sandra Waters.

Visitors:

Finance Director, Serina Hinson, Assistant City Manager Sean Hovis, City Attorney, John Cilley, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Carol Stiles.

A. Approval of Minutes

Commission member Terry Abernethy moved for the Commission to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, seconded by Commission member David Shugart, the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Chairman John Stiver welcomed everyone and introduced Finance Director, Serina Hinson.

C. 1.2 Million Donation

Serina Hinson, City of Newton Finance Director told the commission that the 1.2 million donation had been invested in a CD with the Carter Bank & Trust with the best interest rate possible, and as of June 30<sup>th</sup> the CD had earned \$6,500 interests.

Chairman, John Stiver led a lengthy discussion on how to spend the 1.2 million dollar donation with members and staff that were present. The commission talked about lighting the two softball fields at Jacob Fork Park, purchasing new playgrounds with different themes in each park, air conditioning in the (2) recreation gyms, dog park, put monies a side for children registering for sports that are unable to purchase uniforms, building a portable stage, installing a 18-hole disc golf course, a bike pump track at Jacob Fork Park. The Commission asked staff to come up with prices for these projects that would be presented at the next commission meeting.

D. East Newton/Head Start Building Project

Assistant City Manager, Sean Hovis told the commission that the City Manager asked him to talk to the commission about presenting to the present council information on a PARTF Grant funds for East Newton/Head Start Building Project. To have the PARTF Grant monies approved the grant application would have to be turned in by January 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. The City Manager would like for the commission to help decide what can be done if anything to the building. The Recreation Director went over the study that was prepared by: Solutions for Local Government, Inc. The study provided several options that were discussed by the commission. If one of the options is picked the PARTF Grant would be a 50/50 match with the City of Newton.

**Option 1-A**    **Renovate North Building w/Banquet Seating @ 100.**

\$ 28,750    Remove/dispose of asbestos & demo-south building.  
\$ 32,000    Remove/dispose of asbestos-north building.  
\$ 566,197    Renovate-north building @ \$72.45 (7,815 gsf).  
\$ 50,000    Site development (est. lump sum)  
\$ 676,947    Construction-Option 1-A

**Option 1-B**    **Renovate North Building w/Banquet Seating @ 130.**

\$ 28,750    Remove/dispose of asbestos & demo-south building.  
\$ 32,000    Remove/dispose of asbestos-north building.  
\$ 587,932    Renovate-north building @ \$72.45 (7,815 gsf).  
\$ 50,000    Site development (est. lump sum)  
\$ 698,682    Construction-Option 1-B

**Option 2**    **Renovate & Addition to North Building w/Banquet Seating @ 200.**

\$ 28,750    Remove/dispose of asbestos & demo-south building.  
\$ 32,000    Remove/dispose of asbestos-north building.  
\$ 566,197    Renovate-north building @ \$72.45 (7,815 gsf).  
\$ 161,288    New construction of approximately (1,120 nsf x 1.25 = 1,402 gsf) x \$115/sf.  
\$ 50,000    Site development (est. lump sum).  
\$ 838,235    Construction-Option 2

**Option 3**    **Demolition of North & South Buildings and Build New Facility.**

\$ 28,750    Remove/dispose of asbestos & demo south-building.  
\$ 58,750    Remove/dispose of asbestos & demo north-building.  
\$ 861,350    New construction of approximately (5,350 nsf x 1.40 = 7,490 gsf) x \$115/sf.  
\$ 65,000    Site development (est. lump sum).  
\$1,013,850    Construction – Option 3

E. Activities Report

The Assistant Director gave out Howl-O-Ween Spooktacular Flyers and costume contest applications, gave out flyers for the On-Site Youth Winter Sports Registration sponsored by the Newton Recreation Department and Academy Sports that will be held Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Academy Sports from 10 - 2.

F. Next meeting : Thursday, November 7, 2013

G. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.