

**Members Present:** President Joe Krapohl, Vice President Jim Washington, Secretary Bill Lucas, Commissioners Ron Winters, Jeff Wright and Cloyce Dickerson

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Ted Henry and Archie Bailey, Patrick Gleason and Mike Keeler

**Staff Present:** Amy McMillan, Director; Ron Walker, Deputy Director; Leisa Gagne, Finance Officer; Nancy Edwards, Recreation Program Specialist; Hilda McShane, Marketing Specialist; Tammy Snider, Office Aide

**Others Present:** Brian Barkey, Legal Counsel

**Call to Order.** President Krapohl presided over the meeting and called meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Meeting was held in Room 301 due to the Board of Commissioners holding a Committee meeting that ran over into our allotted time. Commissioners Bailey, Gleason and Henry are participating in that meeting, therefore they are missing our Parks meeting.

**Opportunity for the public to address the commission.** President Krapohl asked if there is anyone wishing to address the Commission. Per commission rules each person shall have three minutes in which to address the commissioners. Dennis Ybarra and Holly – of the BMX organization addressed the commission.

Mr. Ybarra thanked the commission for extending the contracts throughout the years thru 2013. Thank you for your support. There will be a national race event June 8-10, 2012 that will be held at the Richfield BMX track. There will be approximately 2,000 riders at the track that weekend. That could be about ½ million dollars into the area. The group is vying for a \$50,000 grant from the Pepsi Refresh program. You can vote online or on your cell phone and if they win, the grant money will be used to improve the track and build a pavilion.

He introduced Holly Kopesky, the Secretary of the organization, and she passed out the track racing schedule and information about the track. Mr. Ybarra asked about on-site camping at Richfield Park and if there is a slim possibility of that happening he'd appreciate that. Some of the vendors would like to camp and stay with their equipment at night on the track grounds during the national event.

President Krapohl asked him to work with Nancy Edwards and Ms. McMillan regarding the special event and their needs.

Commissioner Wright asked about the cost of the pavilion. Mr. Ybarra said the cost of the materials would be dependent on the supplier, and it would be \$5-10 thousand for a 32x70 foot open sided pavilion. Commissioner Wright said it would, of course, have to be approved by the Parks but he thinks it is an admirable goal to complete it by the time of the event.

Commissioner Wright asked if there are any local stars racing in the event? Mr. Ybarra said there will be approximately 100 locals planning on racing right now. There will probably be more.

Ms. Kopesky brought some articles and print outs of cycling events that other communities are doing. The articles detail the funds that are generated by these complexes and the events that are held locally. Thank you for all of your support.

**2) Consent Agenda.** Discussion: President Krapohl asked if any commissioners wished to remove any items from the consent agenda. Commissioner Henry asked that the bills be removed for further discussion.

**Action Taken:**

Motion by Commissioner Wright  
Supported by Commissioner Washington

**Motion and support for approval of consent agenda items A through E as listed.**

**Roll Call**

**Yeas:** Dickerson, Krapohl, Lucas, Washington, Winters, Wright

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioners Henry, Gleason, Bailey and Keeler are absent.

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**4) Report from Legal Counsel.** Mr. Barkey has no report today.

**5) Director's Report.**

**A.** Sharing of Zip Code Data. Ms. Edwards is our representative for the SAGE Coalition which deals with trails and non-motorized issues. We are actively involved in those types of projects and the BMX plans are very exciting and we'd like them to share their zip code data of registered riders and participants so we can prepare an economic impact report.

**B.** The *Alleged* premier is Saturday at 4pm and 7pm. Tickets are sold out for the 4pm showing and we will add a 7pm showing.

**C.** Ladies Night Out is Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> at Crossroads Village. Pre-registration for this event has tripled from last year. We are expecting a great crowd.

**D.** You will be getting your invitations for the Christmas at Crossroads opening night soon.

**E.** The posting for the Park Naturalist at For-Mar is closed and Human Resource staff is reviewing the applicants for qualified individuals.

**F.** The Chief Park Ranger job posting closes today so we will know shortly how many qualified applicants we have.

**G.** We were awarded the grant from the C.S. Mott Foundation and the check came in the mail this week. When the Mott Foundation says the check is in the mail, the check is in the mail!

**H.** The Blue Ribbon Panel meeting on state parks was held. It is a very diverse group of people in terms of geographic diversity, demographic diversity and diversity of interest. She is the only parks person on the panel. Other people at the table are MUCC, Nature Conservancy, Heart of the Lakes, etc. and lots of people from the private sector. It was very interesting and she will keep you up to date.

I. The next Parks Commission meeting will be held at Crossroads Village.

**6) New Business.** There was no new business.

**7) Opportunity for Commissioners to address the Commission.** President Krapohl commented that this (BMX event) is another good exposure for the County Parks and the County as a whole. He thought that our marketing people can help with contacts for press releases so they can have some exposure.

**8) Opportunity for the public to address the commission.** Mr. Ybarra said that they could use tarp-type advertising banners. They use those to cover the track in case of rain. If you know of any business that could donate their unused signage it would be helpful.

Commissioner Wright made several suggestions about where to purchase visqueen in various sizes. Mr. Ybarra said it depends on how much they have in their bank account and whether they can purchase something.

**9) Adjournment.** Hearing no objections, President Krapohl adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.