

Park and Recreation Minutes

December 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Kacie Fahey. Present were Kacie Fahey, Nichole Bower, Mark Page, Tanya Borchardt and Eric Hanson.

The Holiday Party was a success with 156 attendees! Down slightly from the 200 in 2022. It was much easier having elves as characters who could float between volunteer stations vs. needing to recruit volunteers. The facepainting was a hit and loved by all. We will invite them back to help for 2024, if available. The addition of the parent table was helpful for extra hot coca, projects, jackets, etc.

For next year, we need to look into ways to improve the new frosty head for better visibility and will need to purchase a new beard for Santa. We also need to purchase a scarf for frosty as he didn't come with one. In addition, we will look into purchasing additional elf costumes as they are well made and comfortable to wear. We also need to purchase a new outdoor feature to replace the inflatable snow globe.

Commission member Josh Lindgren's term is coming up for renewal at the end of the year. He had previously indicated his desire to renew his term. Mike Carey finished out his final term as Chair. We thank him for his dedication and service to our community these past 10 years! His leadership and historic knowledge have been a great benefit to our city. There is still an opening on the Parks & Rec. Committee. Interested community members should submit an application to City Hall.

The Committee reviewed their final recommendations for the updated rate schedule for the Public Works Building. The proposed fee schedule will be presented to City Council at their December 12th meeting.

Dates have not been determined for the Fall Food Truck Night as the sub-committee will not meet until after the New Year.

Newsletter announcements should include another Parks & Rec. call for vacant committee member position, dates for the Spring Food Truck Night, a note about adjusted Parks & Rec. meeting dates for Q1, should community members want to

attend, an update/highlight on the Holiday Party with pictures, a thank you to Mike Carey for his service, and a call for Celebration exhibitors.

The meeting was adjourned.