

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 29, 2008
6:30 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Converse met for a regular meeting at the City Park Pavilion Located at 307 School Street, Monday, September 29, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chairman Lindgren called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 PM.

2. Recognition of Visitors.

Chairman Lindgren welcomed Mr. Steve Brown.

Ms. Joan Lindgren, Chairman
Ms. Pam Kraemer, Member
Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member
Mr. Sam Perez, Jr., Member

Ms. Becky Johnson, Member
Ms. Sandy Laskowski, Vice-Chair
Ms. Jackie Gaines, Secretary
Dr. Mary Riley, Council Liaison
Mr. Sam Hughes, City Manager

Members not present: Glenn Laskowski, Rex Brien, Brenda Swanson, and Kathy Selko.

3. Action to Approve Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted September 22, 2008.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve minutes of meeting conducted September 22, 2008. Mr. Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed with five for, (Lindgren, Beehler, Perez, Johnson, and S. Laskowski) and one abstention from Ms. Kraemer due to not receiving commission packet.

Chairman Lindgren passed around the VIP tent signup sheet and Thursday's gate schedule for volunteers. Keep up with the names and addresses of those that contributed so each member can send out Thank you cards.

P&R discussed allowing all Commission members and their family free gate passes for NIOC. Ms. Kraemer made a motion to approve commission members only to get in free. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to allow commission members to get into NIOC free of charge.

Ms. Laskowski discussed the request from the American Legion to receive 40 gate passes to man their food booth. The issue died due to lack of motion. The American Legion will receive the regular food vendor amount of five per day, (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday).

4. Discussion and Action to Use Sponsorship Money to Fund the Poster Contest.

Ms. Johnson discussed presenting plaques and certificates to the winners of the poster contest. There are 28 posters that will be on display over the weekend. Ms. Johnson would like to present the certificates Sunday to the students and have the plaque given to the schools.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to spend \$12 for each of the 28 plaques for the schools and have a certificate printed to give to the students Sunday. Ms. Laskowski seconded the motion. The motion passed with four for, (Beehler, Perez, Johnson, and Laskowski) and two oppositions from Lindgren and Kraemer.

5. Discussion and Action to Use the Six Flags Passes from the Auction for the Over All Winner of the Poster Contest.

Ms. Johnson asked to use the Six Flags tickets from the auction to give to the overall poster contest winner. Chairman Lindgren suggested a trophy as well for the overall winner.

The action to use the Six Flag passes from the auction for the overall poster contest winner failed due to lack of motion.

Ms. Laskowski made a motion to approve a trophy to the individual student not to exceed \$25 for the overall poster winner. Mr. Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action for Night in Ole Converse 2008.

- A. Advertising.**
- B. Arts & Crafts.**
- C. Food Vendors.**
- D. Live Auction.**
- E. Sponsorship.**
- F. Parade.**
- G. Extreme Night.**
- H. Car Show.**
- I. Dunking Booth.**
- J. Community Service.**
- K. Family/Military Day.**

- A. Chairman Lindgren reported the Herald Newspaper will reprint NIOC advertisement in this week's Herald Newspaper free of charge to make up for the badly printed ad last week.
- B. The arts and craft area has 21 booths under contract.
- C. The food booth location has four openings. All food vendors have the right to sell water at their booth.
- D. A few more items came in today.
- E. Mr. Perez will pickup Halo passes from City Hall Tuesday.
- F. The parade route was modified for the groups having to leave early due to UIL competition. The parade lineup will start on Station Street and School Street.
- G. Mr. Brien may have secured two large screen TV's to use for the Guitar Hero contest.
- H. Mr. Beehler suggested P&R hosting a car show with an entry fee a few times a year for to raise money for P&R.
- I. Vice-Chairman Laskowski reported she is able to have the dunking booth from 12:00 to 6:00 PM Sunday.
- J. Ms. Johnson said most of the Honor Society students can work on Saturday to help empty trash cans starting around 8:00 PM. She is working on more volunteers for Thursday and Friday evening and would like to give the volunteers free admission for working.

Mr. Hughes will have a separate location for specially marked trash cans to recycle alumni cans that the Parks and Recreation Commission will redeem.

- K. Mr. Perez read over the entertainment schedule for Sunday. Mr. Steve Brown thanked P&R for working with the Fire-EMS Commission to coordinate Air-Life having a static display for NIOC. Air-Life would like to appear each year. Mr. Brown will radio Mr. Perez and coordinate the exact landing time as to not interrupt the entertainment under the pavilion.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

No items discussed.

8. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Dr. Riley said she will be at NIOC all four days and will be ready to help as needed.

Ms. Kraemer and Ms. Johnson will choose a location for the tent to be set up on the Arts and Craft field to display the JISD posters.

9. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – October 2-5, 2008 at the City Park to Conduct Business of Night In Ole Converse.

10. Adjournment.

Chairman Lindgren adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 PM.