

# Minutes

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City of Falcon Heights, Park and Recreation Commission Meeting  
May 14th, 2012  
6:30PM  
City Hall

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*Meeting Chair:* Melissa Weber-Sanders

*Minutes By:* Jessica Anderson

*Present members:* Serena Jones-White, Matthew Waite (absent), Lonetta Hanson, Tom Keene

*Youth member:* Luke Mielke (absent)

*Staff:* Michelle Tesser (absent), Jessica Anderson, Tim Pittman

*Council Liaison:* Keith Gosline

1. **Meeting called to order 6:30 PM**
2. **Approval of Minutes April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**  
Minutes were unanimously approved. Weber-Sanders/Hanson
3. **Spring/Summer Program Update**
  - Registration is going well with over 200+ registrations. Commissioner Keene recommended more programs and more sessions as programs are in high demand.
4. **Tennis Tournament Recap**
  - Anderson provided an update of the Tennis Tournament. The mayor and three Park Commissioners attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. Christine Nickels from USTA was presented and was very helpful. She presented a large check to the Mayor for the USTA grant portion of the tennis courts. Three families participated in the tournament. Each participant walked away with a prize.
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5. **Summer Event Planning**
  - Movie in Park- Tesser has secured movie rights and all rental equipment (movie, screen, sand bags, and projector). Anderson

contacted troop leaders to find boy scouts to volunteer with the camping portion of the event. Anderson was awaiting a response. The event is on June 15<sup>th</sup> same day as the Parks and Rec staff meet and greet.

- Ice Cream Social- Anderson showed the commissioners a variety of bounce houses and slides to choose from for the ICS. She would contact Bounce On Air as they had the preferred product.

## 6. Summer Rec Jobs Update

- Anderson reported that new summer staff has been hired. Training is taking place for new and returning staff members. The staff schedule has been drafted for the summer.

## 7. Tobacco Free Parks Ordinance

- Anderson shared with the Commission the draft of the Falcon Heights ordinance. She explained how it was modeled after other cities in the metro area. Commissioner Keene proposed an amendment to chapter 34-57 Prohibited Activities, Section A *Tobacco use prohibited in certain areas*, subsection 3, to strike subsection 3. ***On motion by Commissioner Keene, Commissioner Keene voting yea, Commissioners Hanson and Jones-White voting nay, and Chair Weber-Sanders abstaining Commissioners White and Meikle absent, the amendment did not pass.*** Commissioner Keene proposed an amendment to chapter 34-57 Prohibited Activities Section B, to add subsection 2, within the specific designated smoking area. ***On motion by Commissioner Keene, Commissioner Keene voting yea, Commissioners Hanson, Weber-Sanders, and Jones-White voting nay, Commissioners White and Meikle absent, the amendment did not pass.*** After additional discussion the commission voted to endorse the ordinance as is. ***On motion by Commissioner Jones-White, seconded by Chair Weber-Sanders, with all present voting yea, Commissioners White and Meikle absent the Parks and Recreation Commission endorsed the Tobacco Free Parks Ordinance as drafted.***

## 8. Discussion of Possible Park Clean Up Day

- Anderson presented the idea of a possible park clean-up day which was introduced by Mayor Lindstrom. Upon discussion the commission would like to try and schedule a park clean-up day in conjunction with Earth day next year. Pittman suggested to widen the scope and do a city-wide clean-up day.

## 9. Mixed Precipitation – Discussion of a Community Garden Event

- Anderson presented the idea of a possible Picnic Operetta which was introduced by Mayor Lindstrom. The group Mixed Precipitation performs opera and works in conjunction with community gardens to have a tasting menu of locally grown food. There is no cost. The commission endorsed the concept.

## 10. Staff Reports:

- Public Works Update

- Tim met with resident to discuss possible enclosed rink.
- Tree trimming/Mowing is in the works
- Street sign replacement is taking place
- Sidewalk work will begin soon.

**9. New Business**

- Next meeting: Monday, June 11, 2012 at 6:30p.m.

**10. Adjournment – 7:40pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jessica Anderson. If there are any corrections or additions, please contact Jessica Anderson by phone at 651-792-7621 or by email at [jessica.anderson@falconheights.org](mailto:jessica.anderson@falconheights.org)