

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Thursday, July 15, 2010, 5 p.m.  
Parks Management Center, 1501 Business Loop 70 West

**MINUTES**

**Commission Present:** Terry Kloepfel, Marin Blevins, Dan Devine, Bill Pauls, Sue Davis, Linda Hutton

**Commission Absent:** Meredith Donaldson

**Staff Present:** Mike Hood, Mike Griggs, Erika Coffman, Tammy Miller

Kloepfel called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm.

**Agenda:** Hood asked the Commission to add a rezoning request that just came through the day before. Kloepfel added the item below the monthly report. The agenda was approved as amended on a motion by Pauls, seconded by Davis.

**Minutes:** The June minutes were approved on a motion by Devine, seconded by Davis.

Kloepfel formally welcomed Linda Hutton to the Commission, who will represent Ward 3.

**Monthly Report:** Griggs commented that Park Ranger Arens was about to undergo knee surgery and would be out for several weeks. Blevins asked Miller if she would get a card for Arens for the Commission to sign.

Kloepfel asked Griggs what was being done in Arens' absence?

Griggs responded that the part-time ranger was covering Arens' normal shifts. An agency, Columbia Executive Protection, was hired to do night-time patrols of the larger parks.

Hood added it was the same company that has done some of the security at the pools this summer, when the Columbia Police Dept was not able to.

Devine asked if the bridges on the MKT were totally completed?

Griggs said the approaches had to be constructed to ensure they were ADA-accessible, then the bridges would be open.

Devine then asked about 13 violations at Stephens Lake Park for climbing?

Griggs said they were for climbing on the fountains in the lake.

The July monthly report was approved on a motion by Pauls, seconded by Blevins.

**Rezoning**

Hood at first explained to Hutton that rezonings within a half-mile of a park are considered by the Parks

and Recreation Commission, with their comments being forwarded to the Council.

This particular rezoning is a development called the Pointe which would be adjacent to Rock Quarry Park. It would be a 40-unit two home development, including a pedway and sidewalk connecting to the trail at the park. The site slopes away from the park, so Griggs said he does not foresee any potential run-off or adverse effects.

Devine commented it seemed that the field there was on higher ground.

Griggs confirmed that but it slopes to the south, away from the park. Hood added that the development would have to meet strong stormwater controls to be approved, including best management practices and pervious pavement. He thought the development may be controversial with some because of added traffic, but that Rock Quarry Park was designed to be surrounded by residences. Devine made a motion, seconded by Blevins, that the Commission recommended that they saw no adverse effects to the park from the proposed rezoning. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Election of Officers**

Kloeppel asked Blevins if he would feel comfortable taking over the role as chair, after serving as vice-chair for several years. Blevins said he would. Blevins was nominated as Chair, Davis as Vice Chair and Miller as secretary in a motion by Pauls, seconded by Devine. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Commission Comments**

Blevins mentioned that School Board member Jonathan Sessions talked about the upcoming Park Sales Tax renewal at a recent Rotary Club meeting and was very supportive of it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm for the annual Park Tour.