PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

July 24, 2009

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ron Treabess and Judy Friedman

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Bolton - Director of Parks & Recreation
Cindy Gustafson – General Manager
Ginger Charlton – District Clerk

Director Treabess called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. FAIRWAY COMMUNITY CENTER LEASE

Director Treabess welcomed the members of Tahoe Faith Fellowship and Creekside Cooperative Charter School that were in attendance at the meeting. He said that the Committee had the proposals from the two groups but there was nothing included to explain how both groups could work together.

Pastor Bill Ransom spoke for Tahoe Faith Fellowship. He said that he believes the two groups can co-exist in the building and thought $1 sq/ft would be fair because the Rim Trail people take over the parking lot some days and the church has to pick up after them. He also asked if the District could help with maintenance, water and sewer. He also would like both groups to be able to put signs up.

Directors Friedman and Treabess agreed that they had hoped that the two groups would have already had a proposal ready to give to the Board on Tuesday because the District didn't want to be in the middle of their negotiations. Director Treabess added that the District is supposed to rent the building to other public agencies first and he would recommend that the charter school hold the master lease. Ms. Gustafson said that there is another option where the District sets the rent for the hours and rents with separate 2-year leases for each group. She said that staff has been working on the state funding that was used to purchase the windows at the building and is trying to get an answer on what is needed before the Board meeting on Tuesday. If we were to significantly change the use of the building, we would have to pay the grant money back. She said that if the District continues to hold the master lease it will work better than to surplus the site.

Director Treabess said that next week he believes the Board needs to say that they are in approval of using the building in a way similar to the past and the two groups will decide how the shared use will be so that there is some appropriate division of the lease and the fees. The final leases could be brought back to a future meeting. He added that he thinks $1.20 sq/ft is a heck of a deal. Regarding sewer and water, Mr. Bolton said that he felt that the District should be responsible for the irrigation part of the water. He felt that the tenants should be responsible for sewer.

Ms. Gustafson said that she could see the merit in continuing to call it a community center and preserve some of the District's ability to use the building for an evacuation center for the community in order to retain the $54,000 for the windows. The Board would also consider issues such as snow storage and public use of the restrooms when calculating the final lease.

The two groups will meet on Monday to figure out a rough draft of mutual use to include in Tuesday's Board discussion. If, at the Tuesday meeting, the Board requested seeing the verbatim on the leases, Ms. Gustafson said that they could probably be added to the August 7th Special Board meeting agenda.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public input.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

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Ginger Charlton, District Clerk

Prepared by Ginger Charlton