

Recreation Advisory Meeting

March 13, 2008

6:00 PM

North Little Rock Community Center

Present: Charles Jones, Otistene Smith, Bernadette Conley, Terry Larry, Sherri Pettit, Rhonda Hines, Artis Boykin, Trinity Johnson, Cedric Black, Tina Worrell & Janie Horn

Welcome: Mr. Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being concerned about Recreation.

Roll Call and Introduction: Everyone told their names and a little about themselves, where they worked and how long and about their families.

Staff Reports were given by Recreation Staff.

Travis Young about Funland and Special Events, Renee Henson about Sherman Park Community Center, Katrina Wilbon about Glenview Community Center, Glenda Paker about North Heights Community Center, Blenda Wilson about North Little Rock Community Center, Tony Pate about Fitness Facility at the North Little Rock Community Center, Jeff Caplinger about Program Unit

Otistene told Jeff about a program at the schools called ZAG (771-8151-Brenda Bulter) that maybe he could get some kids to help with some of his programs and they will get grade in school for working.

Otistene asked about new programs and the ones being dropped. Jeff said he had to drop a dance class because of lack of participation.

Bernadette ask about rotation of centers during the SAPling Jeff said Program Leaders rotate from the different centers and that the children do not. He also said we have city transportation.

Rhona Hines said Virgie Hunt works for a program called JTPA (Investment) It is a program for kids for the summer ages 16 & up.

Charles brought up the condition of the Recreation Centers and leaky roofs, etc. He told directors to give him a list of what needs to be done at their centers.

Tina presented information on the Foundation. Renee said if we had the 501C3, she could have gotten a \$5,000.00 grant. Tina ask if anyone would like to be on the board of the foundation? Cedric Black said he would. Charles suggested we get the 501C3 first,

then we have a temporary board till we get the foundation going. Otistene agreed to stay on the board. Bernadette, Rhonda and Charles agreed to temporarily be on the board. Tina said she would get the forms typed and to them for their signatures to start the Incorporation and Capital Improvement.

Tina discussed the 2008 Operation Budgets. Otistene asked when they will start working on the swimming pools. Tina said positions will not be approved until April and that Glenview Pool will not open the year, that it was closed by the State Health Dept. Tina said that all the centers are getting new roofs except the NLR Community Center. She said that Katrina has \$100,000.00 to get her pool fixed and \$50,000.00 for Pool House. Tina said that restrooms at Sherman Park and Glenview are going to be renovated. She said that Sherman Park has the roof in the worst shape and it will be fixed first. North Heights restrooms will be repaired and that their roof leaks where the new gym and building ajoin. She emphasized someone from each center needs to come to the Public Hearings to speak out on what their centers need.

Terry Larry ask if any City Official go to the centers and see what goes on at the centers. Bernadette ask if Mayor Hays knows what is going on at the centers. Tina said that she passes it on the Bob Rhoads and it is left to him to pass it on to the Mayor. Otistene said we need to continue talking to the Mayor and City Council about the problems at the centers. Renee said Senator Tracy Steele came by Sherman Park and saw what it looks like after the previous renovation. The Mayor and Senator Steele visited tha center and work is continuing.

Charles said he wants to keep the meetings within an hour. Otistene said that next meeting in May, we would like to have signatures for Foundation, a Marketing Plan and possible Members names. Charles said if you have anything for the agenda for next meeting get it to them. Tina said that meeting will rotate from each center and it will be at Glenview Community Center in May 8, 2008 at 6:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.