

## **Hiawatha Parks and Recreation**

### **Regular Meeting**

**February 10, 2015**

President Bill Hornett called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Lynda Hembera, Deb Thies, Dan Wilkes, Dawn Ewoldt Employees: Kelly Friedl, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Young, Recreation Coordinator and Kim Downs, City Administrator. Guests: Dan Hoffman

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dan Wilkes to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Lynda Hembera to approve the minutes of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Motion carried.

#### **Chairperson:**

Chair and Vice Chair's terms have ended for the 2014 year. Recommendations were made to nominate Dawn Ewoldt as Chair, stepping up from the Vice Chair role, she accepted. Recommendations were made to nominate Lynda Hembera as the Vice Chair. She accepted.

Motion made by Deb Thies, second by Lynda Hembera to elect Dawn Ewoldt as Chairperson for the 2015 year. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deb Thies, second by Dawn Ewoldt to elect Lynda Hembera as Vice Chairman for the 2015 year. Motion carried.

#### **Splash a Smile 5K Approval:**

The Community Health Free Clinic of Cedar Rapids requests approval for their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Splash a Smile 5K to be held on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Fay M. Clark Memorial Park with a representative from the Parks and Recreation Department to be a part of the planning committee.

Motion made by Bill Hornett, second by Deb Thies, to approve the request by Community Health Free Clinic of Cedar Rapids to have the Splash a Smile 5K on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Fay M. Clark Memorial Park. Motion Carried.

Motion will be be forwarded on for approval from Council on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## **Kona Ice:**

Jon and Rachel Booms with Kona Ice have contacted the Parks and Recreation Department inquiring to come to Adventure Camp every other week in the summer of 2015. With great feedback from kids and staff, Kelly Friedl, Director of Parks and Recreation, recommended to the commission to approve Kona Ice to attend Adventure Camp pending completed city vendor forms. The proposed dates were June 18<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>. Deb Thies recommended to invite them to Concerts in the Park and Movies on the Square.

Motion by Lynda Hembera, second by Dan Wilkes, to approve Kona Ice to attend Adventure Camp on proposed dates. Motion carried.

## **Parks and Recreation Reports:**

- **Ragbrai Announcement on January 24<sup>th</sup>** - We are pleased to announce that Hiawatha will be an overnight stop during RAGBRAI 2015! The City Administrator, Kim Downs and Parks and Recreation Director, Kelly Friedl attended the RAGBRAI announcement on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center. Hiawatha will be the sixth stop of the week on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Riders will be coming in from Cedar Falls where we will be welcoming over 15,000 riders into our community. RAGBRAI has not been in Hiawatha since 2004, so we are extremely excited for this opportunity to show visitors what Hiawatha is all about and the great amenities we have to offer. We will be forming committees and soliciting volunteers in the mean time and will post all updates on the City website and social media pages.
- **Branching Out Grant**- Alliant Energy and Trees Forever have granted Hiawatha a \$7,645.00 tree project grant through their Branching Out program. We will plant trees in Tucker and Clark Park as well as along Center Point Road during the spring/summer of 2015. We have received this grant for many years and are very grateful for the funds we have received to beautify our community.
- **Cork n Canvas** – There are two additional Cork and Canvas classes scheduled for 2015, March 12<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup> with Amanda Happel of Cork N Canvas Iowa. March's painting will be of martini glasses.
- **Kids Movie Night**- Dolphin Tale 2 was shown at Kids Movie Night on January 9<sup>th</sup>. 25 parents and children enjoyed popcorn and juice and several won t-shirts! In March we will be showing Big Hero 6 for all to enjoy! Movies will also take place September 11<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Live Healthy Iowa** – Live Healthy Iowa kicked off January 26<sup>th</sup>. 22 City of Hiawatha Employees joined the wellness challenge and pledged to be more active in 2015. Several hours have already been logged by employees. Hiawatha is also going to host the Live Healthy Iowa 5k and Kids 1K on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Guthridge Park. KHAK's Brain and Courtlin will also be in attendance. Jeff Mullin will provide the timing and Running Wild is donating gift certificates. We will be contacting the Kernals and AirFX for additional donations.

- **Lil Cougar Dance Clinic-** The Kennedy Dance Team hosted our Lil' Cougars Dance Clinic on January 25th from 1-2:30PM in the Community Center. 24 kiddos, grades kindergarten through 5th danced to I Want Candy and 1, 2 Step. Video's can be seen on our Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Facebook Page.
- **2015 Activity Brochure-** J&A Printing, a Hiawatha based company, is producing our Activity Brochure this year! They will be in a high resolution glossy ink similar to the Hiawatha Insights finish. We've received the proof and should be receiving copies to distribute in the coming weeks. New opportunities included in the brochure are Cork N Canvas, Super Sitters, Salad Preparation Class, Disc Golf Clinic, Fall Festival, Parents Night Out and Letters from Santa.
- **Parents Night Out-** We are excited to host our first PARENTS NIGHT OUT on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30PM. We've planned Valentines Bingo and Minute to Win it! We'll also have crafts and Casey's Pizza!
- **Super Sitters** – We've partnered with Mercy Hospital to offer children in the area a babysitting class on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Children ages 11+ will attend a 6 hour class in the Community Center where they will learn basic first aid, choking rescue, fire and police emergencies, the business of babysitting and understanding and caring for kids 0-10 years of age. Registration for this event is only \$20.
- **Salad Preparation Class-** Dr. Hannah Anderson will explain the importance of incorporating fresh vegetables into diets and an easy salad preparation system. Her system will help you to prepare up to 5 days of salads in one hour or less. This will be held at the Community Center on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 to 7pm.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Ambyr has ordered the easter eggs for our favorite easter egg hunt on April 4th! Unfortunately, we're having a hard time reaching Roaster's for their regular sponsorship so we've been looking into other options.
- **Iowa Parks & Recreation Conference** – Ambyr and Kelly will be attending conference April 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. They are looking forward to receiving the itinerary soon!

#### **Additional Business:**

#### **Emergency Shelter for Adventure Camp:**

Kelly Friedl, Director of Parks and Recreation advised the commission that the department is in search of another shelter in case of bad weather for our Adventure Camp program. Hiawatha Elementary has always been the shelter but they will be closing for the summer to construct a new geothermal heating and cooling system and adding new windows to the building. Ambyr has been in contact with Hope United Methodist Church who is considering allowing the children there in inclement weather. Hope will have a meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> to determine the outcome.

#### **Alice Training:**

Kim Downs, City Administrator, informed the commission that they will be asked to attend ALICE training in the near future. She added that Hiawatha staff will be attending the same training during "Stand Down Day" on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Two police officers are trained to role play as an active shooter

and will instruct the attendees what to do in such situation. Kim stated that the training will likely take place in April of this year.

Motion by Bill Hornett, second by Deb Thies, to adjourn at 6:41PM. Motion carried.

Dawn Ewoldt, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Friedl, Parks and Recreation Director

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