

**AGENDA**

**HIAWATHA PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Neighborhood Feedback Session at Brown Pavilion in Guthridge Park at 5:00pm

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Approval of:
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Minutes of past meetings – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016
3. Business:
  - a. No new business
4. Reports  
Monthly Park and Recreation Updates

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# Hiawatha Parks and Recreation



**To:** Park and Recreation Commission  
**CC:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Kelly Friedl, Park and Recreation Director  
**Date:** August 2nd, 2016  
**Re:** Park and Recreation Report

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**Business: No new business, working on yearend report to present at next months meeting.**

## **Reports:**

- **Touch a Truck:** We are preparing for our 4<sup>th</sup> Touch A Truck event on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in Guthridge Park parking lot. We have about 12 trucks, tractors and vehicles available for kids to check out. Many of the same companies are in attendance along with a few new. We will have HACAP in attendance where people can bring non perishable food items for the HACAP food reservoir. This event is a great way to bring in families and have some fun!
- **Adventure Camp Session 2:** Adventure Camp will be completed for 2016 on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We have had one of the best years yet even though our numbers were a little lower than usual. The staff has been so great to work with and always prepared for the week. I have heard no complaints from the parents and they have handled everything 100%. I cannot thank them enough for all their hard work this summer!
- **Hiawatha Blastball:** We had a great session of blastball this year, it's hard to believe everything is coming to an end this summer. We had 110 children and coaches participate for 2016 and each year it seems to get a little easier to find coaches. We hope to get numbers up next year with our new website.
- **Yoga in the Park:** Yoga has been so successful this year that they added on two more sessions on Monday nights in Guthridge Park from 6-7pm. We have been very happy with the instructors as they volunteer their time in the community to teach this program. We hope next year will bring the same success!
- **Farmers Markets:** The Market continues to go well every Sunday as long as weather permits. We are very happy with the number of vendors we continue to see each week and

hope that eventually we can gain the same awareness for our weekday market. Right now we are reviewing the weekday market to see what we can adjust and improve if we continue to keep it going. One of the ideas is to have it start after Kids League is over and have the market go from July to September out at the Park. We have heard many people asking to have it back in the park since Center Point and Emmons are under construction. This would allow us more parking and more vendors for people interested. Dawn has done a great job working with the vendors and making sure everything is set up and ready to go.

- **Hiawatha Fun Fest:** The Hiawatha Fun Fest will be here quickly and we are gearing up with tons of activities for the community to enjoy. We are excited to see what people's thoughts are after this year, hoping that we can improve and bring in something a little better each year. Please spread the word to your neighbors, family and friends about Fun Fest 2016!
- **Movies under the Moon:** Movies under the Moon took place on July 15<sup>th</sup>! We had nearly 500 people in attendance and were blown away with such a great turn out. The Foundation has heard nothing but positive feedback and we can't wait for the next showing after the last concert on August 26<sup>th</sup>! We will have popcorn and beverages and Kiwanis will have a face painter before the movie begins.
- **HiBRAI** – August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> is Hiawatha's Bike Ride around Iowa. Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation have been busy planning for this ride. Benefits from the ride support Adventure Camp's field trips and speakers. We have over 100 riders in attendance so far and hope to see that number increase as the ride gets closer.
- **Music in the Park:** Every Friday in August from 6 to 9pm
  - August 5<sup>th</sup> – Compass Rose Band with Touch a Truck before from 4 to 6pm
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\*Kiwanis will be in attendance at all of the concerts selling concessions along with providing a face painter.

### **Parks:**

- **Seasonals:** It hard to believe summer is coming to an end already. We will be losing two of our seasonals August 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> where they will be heading back to college. We will have one left that we will continue to keep until the first part of October. We have had a whirlwind of a summer but can't thank them enough for all their help in continuing to keep our parks up to date.

**Hiawatha Parks and Recreation**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 12, 2016**

President Lynda Hembera called the meeting to order at 5:42p.m. in the Yellow Pavilion at Tucker Park. Present: Lynda Hembera, Deb Thies, Dan Wilkes, Dawn Ewoldt, Brandon Lynch Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Young, Administrative Coordinator, Kim Downs, City Administrator. Guests: Dan Hoffman and friends of Tucker Park.

Motion by Deb Thies, second by Dan Wilkes to approve the July 12, 2016 agenda as amended. Motion carried. Motion by Dan Wilkes, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the minutes of April 12th, 2016. Motion carried.

**Park Social:** Eight participants shared popsicles their feelings about Tucker Park with the commission. Many of the participants have lived near Tucker for fifty plus years. They had a lot of great things to say. Overall, the maintenance does a great job keeping up the park and they like that it's quiet. They would like to see basketball courts built and more swings for the bigger kids. They were concerned with the unsupervised teenagers that frequent the park after dark and would like to see more police in the parks throughout the evening and night.

**Request to move meetings to 5:30pm:** It was discussed to possibly move meetings to 5:30pm to allow more time with family. After a short discussion, the commission felt it was best to continue to keep meetings at 6pm due to time constraints.

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Deb Thies to keep the meeting times at 6pm. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

- **Learning Center:** The Learning Center is completed! Kennedy's art class did an amazing job! If you haven't seen it yet, stop by and take a look!
- **Memorial Bike Rodeo and Parade/Concert in the Park:** Many children showed up with their families to receive a free helmet thanks to Iowa League of Justice and learn bike safety with officers from Hiawatha Police Department. Children also decorated their bikes and paraded around Guthridge Park led by a bike officer! Unfortunately, the concert was cancelled due to the weather but we hope to have the Swamp Cats back in the future!
- **Adventure Camp Session 1:** 46 kids are in Adventure Camp this session. Fun trips and speakers are planned such as, KCRG Weather Lab, HACAP food reservoir, ice skating, Collins Road Theatre, Hiawatha Care Center, AirFX and more! Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Adventure Camp's field trips and speakers.

- **Adventure Camp Session 2:** 31 kids have signed up for second session so far. I'm sure that number will increase as parents remember to sign up for second session.
- **Hiawatha Soccer:** 155 players and coaches signed up for our Hiawatha Soccer League this summer! First Federal Credit Union sponsored soccer this year and sent volunteers out to help with picture day. They also printed our coaching manuals. We are excited to work with them again for our fall league.
- **Hiawatha Blastball:** 108 players and coaches are all set to play Blastball starting July 11<sup>th</sup>. We have many first year coaches that are excited to be involved in the program. T-shirts are adorable this season from Jonnie Five Apparel.
- **Yoga in the Park:** 13 yoga enthusiasts showed up at Guthridge park for our first Yoga in the Park of the year on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope this continues to grow into a great event!
- **Farmers Markets:** Hiawatha's Weekday Farmers Market has been going very well! KMRY came out and broadcast live to their listeners from the market! Dawn has been doing a great job running it. We're very thankful. Hopefully it continues to grow to be as established and reputable as the Sunday Market.
- **Vino Van Gogh:** "Freedom Flying" took place in the Community Center June 9<sup>th</sup>. There were six participants. Paintings turned out amazing!
- **Hiawatha Fun Fest:** The next Hiawatha Fun Fest meeting will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Red Pavilion. It's coming down to the last few weeks and we could really use your help!
- **Ride to Wrigley:** Cardinals beat the Cubs 7-2 but overall the trip was a win in our book! We learned a lot on our inaugural trip and look forward to making it even better next year!
- **Tennis:** Session one and two had ten students sign up for tennis lessons in Guthridge Park. We are establishing a great relationship with Westfield's administrators and instructors as well as registrants in the program. Don't forget! We offer adult lessons if you're interested!
- **Volleyball:** Adult, High-School and Youth programs are going well. We are hoping to get new nets for the courts next year.
- **Movies under the Moon:** Our inaugural Movies under the Moon takes place on July 15<sup>th</sup>! Facebookers have chosen Zootopia as our first movie! Kiwanis will be in attendance selling grilled food, Kona Ice will be selling snow cones! Since it will be dark when the movie starts, we might be buying glow sticks for the kids also! We may need help with set up and tear down if anyone would be available!
- **Kickball:** Gather your best team of friends, family, co-workers and take yourself back to recess with the exciting new Adult Kickball Tournament. Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of two games in this double elimination tournament. Teams will be randomly placed into a double elimination-style bracket. Games will take place wither at Lowe Park in Marion or here at Guthridge. Minimum of six teams to hold the tournament. Minimum of 8 maximum of 20 players per team. Teams are to register by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Fee is \$50 per team.
- **Discount Amusement Park Tickets:** Buy your amusement park tickets at City Hall! The following are available for purchase: Noah's Ark in Winsconsin Dells, Six Flags St. Louis and Great America, Valley Fair in Shakopee, Minnesota, Worlds/Oceans of Fun, Lost Island and Blank Park Zoo.

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**Parks:**

- **Mulching:** The parks staff mulched all the playground equipment on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. We are crossing our fingers for no more heavy rainouts this year.
- **Kids League:** Kids Leagues last tournament will be on July 8-9<sup>th</sup>. We have been very happy with the partnership and how well they maintain the fields and up keep of the concession stand. I have made sure to walk through all Linn County Public Health Inspections with them, so there are no surprises in updates or needs.
- **City Tree Inventory:** The Parks and Public Work Department are close to completion of the city tree inventory. We will submit them to the Iowa DNR to insert into their GIS system as well as our own and look at the data that we collected. We have learned quite a bit through this whole experience with the Sustainable Tree Grant.

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Dan Wilkes, to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Lynda Hembera, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director

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Friday, August 26th  
6 p.m.—11 p.m.

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Saturday, August 27th  
8 a.m.—10 p.m.

**Friday**

- 6—9 Past Masters Band & Kiwanis Concessions
- 6—9 Glow Disc Golf Tournament
- 9—11 Movie Under the Moon

**Saturday**

- 8 5K Fireman's Run
- 8—10 HiCREW Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- 10—9 Food Vendors
- 11—12 Hiawatha Parade
- 12—6 Activities for Kids & Adults
- 2:30—9 Entertainment
- 9:30 Fireworks at Dusk!!!



Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers  
and enjoy an evening of fun!



# Music

## 2016

### IN THE

### park

**August 5th**

#### **Compass Rose Band**

Jimmy Buffet cover band that also plays a lot of upbeat classic rock & country tunes.

**August 12th**

#### **Brass Transit Authority**

BTA consists of the areas finest musicians, bringing you the music of Chicago, Blood Sweat & Tears, Van Morrison and more!

**August 19th**

#### **Copperhead Creek**

Country cover band playing a blend of todays country, topped off with classic rock favorites.

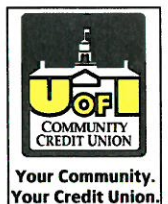
**August 26th**

#### **Past Masters**

If you like to dance, this is your show! Playing 60's and 70's pop dance music. "They play what others won't!" 100% Dance Music, 100% of the time!



Food concessions available for purchase by  
**Hi-CREW Kiwanis!**





# HIBRAI 2016

Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Iowa!!!



**Fully Stocked  
Rest Stops**



**AUGUST 13-14TH  
2 DAY/110 MILE**

**HIAWATHA RIDE WITH  
OVERNIGHT STAY AT  
RIVERSIDE CASINO &  
GOLF RESORT for \$89.95 +  
\$45 REGISTRATION FEE  
(\$60 AFTER AUGUST 7)**

Register at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com)



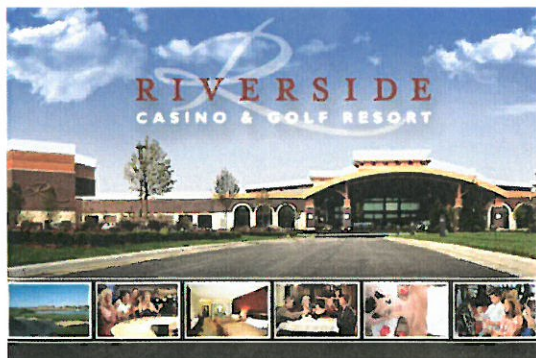
**Intermediate Ride**

Questions???

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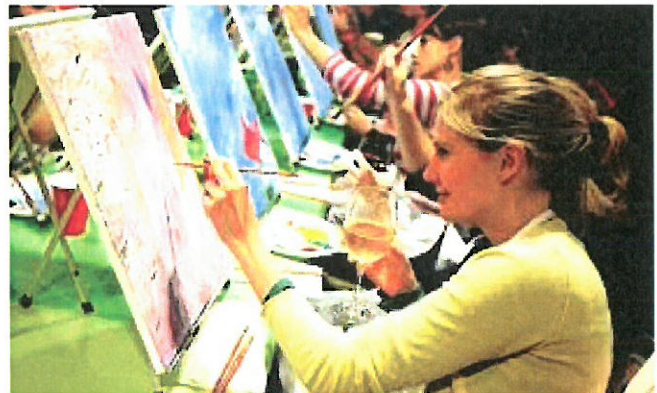
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Net proceeds benefit Friends of Hiawatha Parks & Recreation





Paint, drink & be merry!  
It's a creative twist on a fun night out.



March 10th

June 9th

September 8th

December 8th

Hiawatha Community Center

Reservations Necessary

\$38 per person

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