

**Minutes
Recreation Committee
February 1, 2011
6:00 PM
2nd committee**

Those present were Chairwoman Patricia Gettys, Committee members Bob Cook, and James Kennedy.

1. Call to order. – Chairwoman Gettys
2. Public comment.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.

Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Kennedy seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or communications from city officers.
5. Unfinished business.
 - a. Budget Review
 - b. Report from Neal Prince on cultural center auditorium

Trey Eubanks said Dean Oang was present to talk about the auditorium. This project is going well. Acoustical ceiling treatments are going to be added to the auditorium to boost the sound. The floor plan was presented. Some more work is being done in the basement and it will be sprinkled to comply with the fire code. The facility is being insulated, and that will help with utility costs. Councilman Kennedy asked about the kind of insulation that will be used. Dean said it would be three inch, rigid insulation.

Councilman Cook asked about the costs of the auditorium and landscaping. Cost estimates for landscaping will be brought to council for ranking and funding amounts. This will be done at the March city council meeting. By this summer, work should be started on the grounds. On the auditorium, the cultural center board will develop a fundraising campaign to accomplish what was reviewed tonight. Next Monday is the board meeting in which they will talk about the fundraising and Trey will update council after that.

Councilman Hunter asked if there was an irrigation plan for landscaping. Trey said yes.

Mayor Godbey asked if there was a cost estimate for the auditorium. Dean Oang said it is estimated at \$1.7 million and does include furniture. Councilman Cook said sponsors could be used on the auditorium project also.

This item was for information only.

c. Report from Arbor Engineering on cultural center landscaping

A field trip was taken last week in the community to look at some other landscaping examples and get some ideas for the cultural center. Van showed some pictures from other locations as examples of what we are going to do at the cultural center. He showed pictures of Legacy Park and their passive park, which would be similar to what we are talking about for the cultural center. Some pictures were also shown of shelters, picnic areas, and arbors. Councilman Cook said he thinks we can get some donations for these types of amenities. Some playgrounds were shown for 5 years and younger and kids 5-12 years old.

Pictures were shown of perennial beds that can be used for landscaping. They are very low maintenance and could be used around the amphitheatre. An 8 foot walking path will be constructed around the property. An example crosswalk was shown as will be needed to get to the Veteran's Memorial around the rear of the property. A water feature was looked at in Travelers Rest and used as an example of what could be installed at the cultural center. Councilman Cook suggested that the area could be rented out for parties.

Tom Keith of Arbor Engineering was present to speak on the project. The connection has been made in the circular parking area. This will allow a 10 foot sidewalk for fire truck access. The amphitheatre will use boulders for people to sit on and kids can play on them when there is not an event at the amphitheatre. The stage area is handicapped accessible. There will be a War Memorial on the Butler Road side.

Councilman Reynolds asked how much the water feature would cost. Mr. Keith said the water would be recycled, and you would have energy cost and water treatment costs.

Councilman Cook made a motion to forward this to council with Councilman Kennedy seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

6. New business

7. Public comment.

Councilman Reynolds asked if the sports center membership numbers were ready yet. Van said no, but he will email the number to council.

Councilman Cook asked if the auditorium could be used for plays before the renovation. He thought that exposure would help with the fundraising aspect. George McLeer said there would be some construction concerns, but some things could be done to allow plays to be held there. They said this item could be brought up at the board meeting next week. Some minor changes like painting would help make it more aesthetically pleasing.

8. Committee concerns.

9. Adjournment.- Chairwoman Gettys adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk