

**Special Meeting
Aurora Park Board
Aurora City Hall, 3rd Floor, Aurora, MO
June 26, 2014
4 PM**

I. Call to Order – **4:05pm**

II. Roll Call for Aurora Park Board

President:	Theresa Pettit (2016)- present
Vice President:	Julie Browning (2015)-present
Board member:	Bob Moffitt (2015)- present
Board member:	Dan Jackson (2015)- absent
Board Member:	Clara Childress (2016)- present
Board member:	Kyle Wilson (2016)- absent
Board member:	Ginni Swaim (2017) present
Board member:	Jennifer Gautney (2017)- present
Board member:	Open - (2017)-
Councilman:	Steve Ramirez present

Others in attendance: Lynda Hull, Judy Dingman, Mike Randall, Donna Elerey, Tina Lindeman, Marsha Marks, Kristy Carson, Jeremy Kee, Larry Marks

II. Old Business

1. Soccer Program

a.. Review registration and programs of Spring Soccer

b. Discuss Fall Soccer

c. Approve any recommendations including recommendations to City Council
LCYSA and YMCA spokes person in attendance: LCYSA Lynda Hull and YMCA Jeremy Kee. Each provided with 2 minutes to update the board on spring soccer season. Please add that the remaining people representing LCYSA were also given 2 min each to speak and agree to appoint Lynda as their spokesperson for the remainder of the meeting.

Lynda Hull: 80 participants from Aurora. Cost per player is \$35 for first child and \$30 for any after which includes shirt, socks, and shorts. 20% of all registrants received reduced registration fee (unknown how many from Aurora) Registration opened Jan and closed in March, 3 months registration period. Lynda stated they'd like to renew contract with city using 5 fields like they did during spring season. They worked with the YMCA to schedule practices and the YMCA worked with them to schedule games, Donna Elerey agreed. Lynda addressed a few items outlined in Soccer agreement at this time: Under Sec 3, Item D- LCYSA would like to use the fields the YMCA paints as they did in the

spring season. Under Section 3, Item I- would like scheduling to be between the YMCA and LCYSA which is then tuned into Donna at City Hall who would only makes changes is reschedule due to rain.

Jeremy Kee: 78 participants from Aurora. Cost per player is \$50.00 for non YMCA members, \$20.00 member, and \$22.00 reduced pricing. 71% received reduced registration fee. Registration began March 1 and practices started March 17, only 2 weeks to accept registrations. Jeremy agreed the two organizations worked together in the beginning and Mike Randall confirmed most issues occurred early in the season and worked themselves out in time, Donna Elerey agreed. Jeremy stated the coaches are requesting an increase in practice time and wants to try to work that out for fall season. They are hoping to double participation for fall with a longer registration time.

Ginni Swaim researched how having two organizations in a small town reduce the number of participants drastically and there are several examples the board could think of in past Aurora programs. Board discussed how just one season won't show us how a particular program is doing as it takes time to develop.

Board discussed continuing both programs but having games for LCYSA on Sunday and the YMCA on Saturday so fields could still be painted by YMCA for LCYSA to use as requested by Lynda. Asked LCYSA if they could provide back ground checks like YMCA does, offer a larger percentage of reduced registration fees, and disclose on application like the YMCA does that additional assistance is available if the cost is too high even at reduces pricing. Lynda stated if we paid LCYSA like the city does the YMCA then they might be able to as the two organizations cannot be compared "apples to apples". It was mentioned it was hard to evaluate how well the YMCA soccer program performed due to the YMCA working around LCYSA's program. Designating the YMCA to provide the soccer program for the City of Aurora for this fall would be a better guide to evaluate their services.

Jennifer Gautney made the motion to recommend to City Council that the YMCA be the exclusive program for fall soccer in order to see how the program goes and to ensure funding for their services is the best option for city. Bob Moffitt seconded the motion and Julie Browning abstained from vote, motion passed.

LCYSA was reminded they could continue to use the one community soccer field at Baldwin Park according to "Soccer Field Reservation Policy". A copy of that policy will be provided to LCYSA

2. Trails Project – Phase I
 - a. Receive update on trails project Phase I
 - b. Discuss funding of Phase I

c. Approve any recommendations.

Due to the bids for the trail project coming in higher than anticipated, there is shortage in grant funding to be received from the Mo-Dot/ Federal portion in the amount of \$42,597.34.. MO-Dot is requesting a letter from the City of Aurora authorizing an utilize STP funds by completing a Supplemental to the Program Agreement. Mike Randall stated that council should not have to approve STP money if it's new funds and not tied up in other future projects for the city. He agreed to provide a letter after discussing with city attorney. The additional shortfall of approximately \$10,649.66 would need to come from the Park Board's funds.

III. Adjourn – Approve Recommendations to adjourn 5:12pm Theresa Pettit made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ginni Swaim, motion passed

Submitted by: Jennifer Gautney June 25, 2014

Approved July 7, 2014 Theresa Pettit