

TOWN OF HAMDEN

TOWN CENTER PARK COMMISSION MEETING

March 16, 2011

7:00 PM

MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER 2750 DIXWELL AVENUE

Commissioners in Attendance: Berita Rowe, Chairwoman
Jay Matthews
Anne Page

Others in Attendance: Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

MINUTES

Chairwoman Rowe asked if there were any alterations to the Minutes of the December 2010 Meeting. There were none and Ms. Rowe called for a motion to approve. **Commissioner Page motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Rowe said that it has been a difficult winter, and it has been difficult to have a meeting with the full Commission in attendance.

Ms. Rowe opened a discussion with the Commissioners present regarding ideas for the Town Center Park. Mr. Matthews suggested a calendar of events scheduled for the park.

Ms. Rowe said she thought that the ideas presented by Commissioner Allesandrine at a previous meeting were excellent and the Commission should look into expanding upon these ideas...

Mr. Matthews said that the Commission needs to look into the days events are scheduled on – whether more events are scheduled on weekdays or weekends.

Ms. Page suggested that we look into an outdoor movie.

Ms. Page also thought prepared dinners were a good idea especially if it was paired with the movie.

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Zumba was discussed, and will be looked into.

Ms. Rowe said it would be good to get these ideas off the ground and streamline them.

Mr. Matthews suggested a car show. He will contact Jack Kennelly to discuss this

Ms. Page asked how a Bloodmobile event would be set up. This will be looked into.

Ms. Page also questioned what a volunteer fair would entail.

Regarding the suggestion to hold a book swap, Ms. Page said she was worried that a book swap might impact the Library.

Ms. Rowe asked the Clerk to invite Chief Administrative Officer Curt Leng and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Julie Smith to the next meeting.

Ms. Page will begin working with the Garden Club on planting a nut garden in front of the Children's Museum. This garden will consist of pecan trees, hickory trees, hazelnut shrubs, and possibly a black walnut tree. This project was discussed and all agreed it was a wonderful idea. Ms. Page said she has asked Andy Brand to search for these trees. Ms. Page described these trees and shrubs.

There was a discussion regarding who owns the property the museum will be on – the Town or the Museum. Ms. Rowe said this is something that Mr. Leng and Ms. Smith could define.

There was a discussion regarding “paid seating” at the summer concerts and the fireworks. This could raise money for park activities.

Ms. Rowe asked if there is soccer played on the Town Center Park. Parks and Recreation will be asked about this.

Ms. Rowe would like the Commissioners to do a walk thru at the park to get a lay of the land. Ms. Rowe added that this will be scheduled when the weather gets warmer.

Ms. Page reported that Arbor Day will be the last Friday in April. The Garden Club will have a celebration on last Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairwoman Rowe called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Page motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion the passed unanimously.** Ms. Rowe adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Submitted by:

Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission