

UNAPPROVED RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Hot Springs Village Recreation Committee was held at the Coronado Community Center on April 9, 2012 at 1:30 pm. The proposed agenda was adopted as the order of business. The March 12, 2012 minutes were approved with the corrected date of the Craft Fair to May 5th.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: Jim Harlow - Chairperson, Tom Elliott, Joyce Feix, Peggy Arwood, Bill Etie, John Weidert,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Earl Mulley, Vice Chairperson, Sue Mefford

STAFF: Stephanie Stone, Director of Recreation & Club Services, Secretary, Fern Hancock

BOARD: Katie Feather

Guest: Doug Beed, John Goodwin, Keith Hall, (New Committee Members) Keith Keck, Frank Leeming, Dan Johnson, President of Tennis Association, Steve Wright, Vice President of Tennis Association.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Stephanie Stone- **Landscape and Irrigation at East Gate** is currently being worked on with Desoto island entrance to follow and then the West Gate. **Thunder Tix** has been installed as the on-line ticketing software. **Geothermal** system is still being evaluated. **Desoto Pool** plans are in process to be presented to the Board at their Retreat. The **Fountain at the Woodlands** is now up and running. Money is in the budget to replace the **Water Trampoline in Lake Balboa**, Director Stone asked for any input on replacing it since there was so much vandalism on the last one.

BOARD LIASON: Katie Feather gave her last report after having been involved with the Recreation Committee for the past eight years. The Board will be voting on the LED signs to be located at the East and West Gates and the Woodlands. She also congratulated the new board members. Jim Harlow thanked Katie Feather for dedication to the Village and the Recreation Department.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Jim Harlow distributed the Annual Report to the Committee and thanked each member for their input. Jim stated he felt the Newcomers Orientation should be handled by members of the committee rather than adding this to Stacy Hoover's responsibilities. Jim Harlow and Earl Mulley will take care of the April 26th meeting. An invitation was extended to the new board members to attend. Doug Beed offered to help with the Newcomers future meetings.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Family Recreation: Stephanie Stone – Staff is busy preparing for the opening of the Desoto Pool in May. Pickleball Open House was a huge success. Over 200 people attended and they sold approximately 26 paddles to new members the day of the event. The Family Recreation Building was rented for one function the month of March.

Coronado Fitness Center: Bill Etie – Written report received and filed.

Fitness Center: The TV monitor in the lobby is being replaced. More property owners are signing up for the new monthly draft membership plan. There was a nice increase in daily use sales with visitors during the Spring break season. Two recumbent step machines will be replaced because of frequent need for maintenance. Handicapped parking has been modified to better accommodate large vans.

GEO System: Garver Engineering has submitted its final report. Their request for additional funding to expand the report has been turned down by the Recreation Department. The GEO subcommittee has continued looking into modification that would be necessary, and the cost of these modifications. The subcommittee is also looking at other options that may help solve the problems we are currently having with the system.

Desoto Pool: Director Stone has been meeting with community leaders to search for new avenues that may assist with the cost for the pool complex that is being considered. This is a slow process but the interest for moving forward with the complex is very favorable.

Outdoor Recreation: John Weidert – Written report received

Lawn Bowling: Throughout the year the general public is invited to experience the unique sport of Lawn Bowling each Monday at 1:30 p.m. Instructors will be present, all equipment will be furnished, and there is no cost to participants. New men's and women's bathroom sinks and pedestals were installed by the Lawn Bowlers. The Club House, Storage Facility and access gate will be painted as soon as the pollen season is over, hopefully at the last week of April or 1st week of May. Due to the increasing temperatures, it is requested that Recreation Maintenance finish installation of the Lawn Bowling Court Bench Shades as soon as possible.

Bocce: The 44 person, 8 Team, Bocce Spring League has started. The Spring League will run 7 weeks.

Cortez Beach: The Beach Porta-Pottie has been removed because the pavilion rest rooms are now open.

Cortez Pavilion: Six rentals scheduled for April. The Rest Rooms are open. On 24 April one dumpster will be moved to the pavilion to accommodate summer activities.

Balboa Beach: The beach will receive sand in May 2012. One Porta-Pottie has been moved to the beach.

Balboa Pavilion: Four rentals scheduled for April. The Rest Rooms are open. On 24 April two dumpsters will be moved to the pavilion to accommodate summer activities.

Tennis: Joyce Feix – Written report received.

Bob Wagstaff reported that 50 beginners attended the March Annual "Free for All" tennis clinic. At the close of the clinic a meet and greet party was held with board members and instructors welcoming the participants. USTA League playoffs are in full swing. Coronado Center has five senior teams and one adult team participating in this state wide competition. The state tournament will be held in Little Rock in May. We currently have A/C problems in the Club House. Parts to repair unit have been ordered.

President Dan Johnson addressed in the tennis newsletter, "The Net Gazette" the growing issue of the approximately 20 year old patio furniture. He reported the Recreation Department is recommending replacing the furniture with a 50/50 split of replacement cost between the tennis association and POA. The association is working on a fund-raiser to help with their half.

Evening Tennis began in April. Women's night out is held on Monday at 6:00pm. Men's night out is Wednesday at 6:00pm. Next competitive event is the Generations Tournament initiated last year. Players must have at least a 14 year age difference. Since it is being held Memorial Day week-end, sons, daughters and even grand children team up with the older generations. Summer Tennis Picnic will be Saturday, June 2nd at the Cortez Pavilion.

Coronado Community Center & Library: Peggy Arwood

Movie Nights were not successful money making projects. Stacy will compile a financial and audience opinion report to the Recreation Committee.

Radio station TOM-FM, 94.9 will begin radio announcements about British Week the middle of May.

Jeanette Slattery will begin populating the Thunder Tix data base.

Flyers have been placed at all the Golf Courses advertising "Art on the Courtyard".

Dr. David Lipchitz will hold his third lecture on Alzheimer's, May 10 at 2:00 by web cam at the CCC. Joan Archer has been hired as Facility Events Representative.

Mothers Day dinner at the Desoto Events center has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Curtis Coleman will be conducting a series of lectures the second Thursdays in September, October, and November.

Library

Friends of the Library will conduct a book sale in the library in conjunction with the Spring Arts and Crafts show May 5. Proceeds will be used to purchase large print books and other amenities.

Story hour is every Tuesday at 10:30.

Library is compiling a list of duties for volunteers and planning some events to create more interest in the library, such as book signings and book reviews.

Materials checkouts at the library increased slightly from a year ago. The number of items checked out was 7021 this March compared to 6991 in March, 2011.

Due to not receiving enough interest, FOCCL had to cancel the planned daytrip to Piggott, Arkansas to visit the Hemingway Museum and the home where Hemingway penned much of his novel, A Farewell to Arms.

FOCCL's article in the Voice requesting donations for its May book sale was met with an overwhelming amount of donations. Greg Weeter, FOCCL board member, as well as other volunteers, is working diligently to go through the 100s of materials donated to pick those that will successfully sell at the sale.

Librarian Dottie Williams has signed the library up for a standing order of large print bestsellers. The books will be both fiction and nonfiction.

FOCCL hopes to bring local authors to the library to speak about their books and have book signings.

Dottie is also doing story hours every Tuesday for the younger children.

We also received five new office chairs in March as the ones we had were in bad shape.

Ponce de Leon Center & DeSoto Event Center: Sue Medford

Dina from [Let There Be Light](#), a lighting company is evaluating the lighting needs for the Woodlands. Caleb Miller is working with her and a package for video, lighting and sound will be presented as a package for the board retreat. Additional funding will be necessary for the lighting. Sound is out for bids now and will be installed August 13-26. That work is budgeted for this year. As reported last month, John Citron is retiring. The tech director position is listed and will close next month.

The Woodlands web site has been switched but is not yet complete. There will be links to past show and pictures. Also will be a link to John Citron's "smug mug" site.

The 2 cash registers at the bar in the Woodland's lobby are being replaced. They are so old, can't get repair parts for them.

Three broken air conditioners are being fixed. Cold air ducts have not been operational for a number of years and are being repaired. Of the 60 tons of A/C, only 55 tons are operational. Two 5 ton units were strung together to make a 10 ton unit. One has failed and it is necessary to wait for the other to fail before replacing it with the required 10 ton unit.

Reliable Air is doing the evaluation and work. A mower thru a rock thru the glass in the Ouachita room, so there is a hole there. The blinds are closed so not many are aware of it. The glass is being replaced.

Dr. David will be live in the Woodlands at 2pm on the 12th. Tickets are \$5.00.

As of Friday, 600 tickets have been sold for the "Neil Diamond Tribute".

"Carme" would like a return engagement late June or early July. Date not yet definite.

The squirrel problem at Casa de Carta is finally solved and almost all the redecorating necessary has been done. There were 4 nests, several carcasses and a lot of urine and feces soiled insulation removed.

Jeanette Slattery, who works for the Recreation Department, is populating the ticket data base. She is entering all the tickets that have already been sold before anyone can actually use the software. Training for the ticket software will be the end of this month. Dates not determined yet.

New vinyl signs are being prepared, giving the hours of the facility, for the doors of the Ouachita Building and the Coronado Center. Business hours are from 8 to 2 Monday through Friday in both buildings.

Mother's Day at Desoto Events Center has been cancelled due to lack of interest. Deposits were required in advance and there was not enough interest to go forward.

Special Projects: Tom Elliott

Event Date: April 19, 2012 "Art on the Courtyard" Event Partner: Brush Strokes art club Time: Set up will begin at 4:30 pm and the event is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 pm. 2D Art Exhibition (no jewelry, sculpture, etc). Interest included about 20+ artists. Primarily an exhibition but artists will also be able to sell if they choose to do so. Artists may also give painting demonstrations if they choose to do so. They have a person (Terry O'Dell) that will provide guitar music for the 2 hour period at no cost. He plans on setting up on the Fitness Center side of the patio and will need a power cord to hook up his sound system. The POA will set up a portable bar outside and will sell wine. Keith Hall and John Goodwin volunteered to bartend to save on the cost of a bartender. There is no cost to Brush Strokes. Each artist will bring easels and tables as they see fit.

Newcomers' Coffee: Earl Mulley and Jim Harlow

Earl Mulley and Jim Harlow will host the next meeting. We will need organizations to update their information. The "Friends of the Village" requested and were accepted as the new refreshment vendor for the 2012 Newcomers Orientations. They will provide all the refreshments and setup including coffee, pastries and manpower for each of the Newcomers Events. Set up will be on Wednesday, April 25th at 2:30. Sue Mefford, Peggy Arwood and Bill Etie volunteered to set up.

OLD BUSINESS

Easter Egg Hunt: The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday April 7 at 1:00 pm on the grounds of the Desoto Club Events Center. The Moon Bounce was set up along with tables for the children's craft projects. There were more than 200 children who participated. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. Also, a special thanks to Connie Weidert for being the Easter Bunny. Next year, WILL consider having a food vendor available.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appreciation Party: Tuesday, April 17 2012 from 4:00- 6:00 pm at Desoto Event Center

4th of July: The fireworks display will be Wednesday on the 4th of July with events to follow on the 5th, 6th and 7th. Several different ideas were discussed. Discussion also included getting other clubs involved to have their own events, such as the Angler's having a fishing tournament. A timeline of events for the 4th will be drawn up for discussion at next meeting.

Seat New Members: New Committee Members Doug Beed, John Goodwin, and Keith Hall were seated

Election of Officers: Katie Feather

Bill Etie nominated **Peggy Arwood as Chairperson**, Tom Elliott 2nd, being no other nominations, all approved.

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New Chairperson: Peggy Arwood welcomed the new members and asked each member to think about what subcommittee's they might want to be assigned to and let her know so she can assign members at the next meeting. Also she requested anything that needs to be added to the agenda to please let her know a week prior to the meeting.

Thanks from all to Jim Harlow and Earl Mulley for all their hard work for the committee these past several years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 7th, 2012 at 1:30 pm, Coronado Center, Room 3