



CITY of BETHEL

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CITY OF BETHEL
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 27, 1978

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles. Committee Members present were: Charles, Wienberg, Reich, Beecroft, Alder. Committee Members absent were: Hinsvark, Jonrowe, Parker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Under New Business Item A, pool size should be 40 by 25 meters and that the cost of \$38,000 is for the Mt. Village pool. Also, under New Business Item B, REA guidelines changed to RDA guidelines.

M/M by Committee Member Beecroft to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Committee Member Reich. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Committee Member Beecroft that the agenda be approved with addition of Item A, Swimming Pool, under Unfinished Business. Seconded by Committee Member Reich. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. SWIMMING POOL

Fran Reich proposed that the pool construction should be by a private enterprise and that Parks and Recreation Committee should get permission by Council that construction of the pool be outside the 21-acre Park. He stated that then the City could lease the pool and in turn sub-lease to the school system. Mr. Reich stated that this would produce revenue which the City needs. Also stated that local contractors would be used for foundation, building, well, would possibly be Calista land and that the only outside help would be for machinery, operation of, and insurance. Possibilities that the pool could be used to keep kids off the streets, theraputic value, for people of all ages, and would be used constantly.

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Reich is asking that City and City Council and City funds do not conflict with private enterprise for the development of a swimming pool if private enterprise is willing to build one and that the City by May of next year make a commitment for a lease with option to purchase.

M/M by Committee Member Wienberg that Parks and Recreation Committee recommend to the City Council that the City solicit proposals for the construction of a swimming pool within the City limits of Bethel for possible lease-purchase to the City, proposal to be submitted by the first of January 1979. Voice vote taken and unanimous. Motion carried.

M/M by Committee Member Wienberg that a sub-committee be formed to develop specifications. Seconded by Committee Member Reich. Voice vote taken and unanimous. Motion carried.

Sub-committee volunteers were Reich and Beecroft with Reich as sub-committee chairperson with community volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tomorrow, September 29, 1978, there will be a public hearing on what new proposed grant (RDA) guidelines are. Parks and Recreation will be applying for a grant for office space at the Bowling Alley.

Bowling Alley Management Contract copies handed out to Committee Members.

M/M by Committee Member Beecroft that Council accept the Management Contract as written. Seconded by Committee Member Wienberg. Voice vote was taken and was unanimous. Motion Carried.

The Bowling Alley Brunswick supplies have arrived and were delivered to the City. Brunswick will be arriving sometime between the last week of October first part of November to install the lanes.

Committee Member Wienberg recommended that someone should approach the Bethel Community School Committee with lease proposals.

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Committee Member John Alder will be attending the National Recreation-Park Association conference in Miami from October 11 through the 19th. Will return on the 29th. Pauline Ota will be the acting director.

A consensus was reached that there will be no October meeting but that a special meeting will be held before the November 15th meeting.

Committee Member Alder stated that the summer Parks and Recreation program was successful and the tallied program fees amounted to \$1,779.50. The fall program, September 18th, was well advertised.

Committee Member Beecroft stated that the public communications have been greatly improved.

Co-Op discussion, it was stated that a minimal fee should be charged for Co-Op use of facilities.

Committee Member Alder stated that the fall activities were slow in starting but picking up. Also that the personnel for Parks and Recreation is low, three CETA people have left and 2 people have been hired - Senior activities program, Ellen Evans, and Yupik-English translator, Katie Rohl. Two programs have been cut due to limited staff. The back stop, donated 2 years ago by VFW, is up.

The budget proposal to Council, three separate budgets; 1. Parks and Recreation, 2. Bowling Alley Enterprise Fund, 3. Senior Citizen Special Revenue Fund, were cut by administration. Last year's budget was \$112,000, this year's proposed budget is \$129,000 and the budget was cut to \$90,000.

Committee Member Beecroft asked why the utility bill for the Parks and Recreation building is \$8,900. Committee Member Alder stated he would look into it.

M/M by Committee Member Beecroft that the original budget as proposed by John Alder be submitted to Council for reconsideration. Seconded by Committee Member Wienberg. Voice vote taken and was unanimous. Moton Carried.

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ITEM B. CONSIDERATION OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE
COMMITTEE

Chairperson Charles stated that there was interest by Lynn Wiley and Barb Knapp to become members of the committee.

The suggestion for a change in the by laws to be staggered terms was made. Also a suggestion that the committee have alternate members. It was mentioned that the people interested could just attend meetings to add input.

ADJOURNMENT

M/M by Committee Member Wienberg to adjourn. Seconded by Committee Member Reich. Voice vote taken and was unanimous. Motion carried.

Adjournment was at 9:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____