



MEETING MINUTES

KENTWOOD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING INFORMATION:

Date: Monday, June 11, 2018
Time: 5:15 pm
Location: Kentwood Activities Center (355-48th St SE)

PRESENT:

Members: Ed Kape, Mimi Madden, David Moore II

Staff: Val Romeo, Parks and Recreation Director
Lorraine Beloncis, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Denise Dawson, Parks Programs Administrator

ABSENT:

Members: Bob Coughlin, Olivia Jenison Bailey, Wallace Massie, Dustin Moseley, Kevin Small

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Update: Business Plan**
 - a. Surveys have been slow to come back. Extending return deadline for one week.
2. **Update: Parks**
 - a. An Ice Cream Social is planned at Veteran's Park on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 from 6-8pm. For engaging the community and getting resident input for the park master plans.
 - b. Old Farm Park grant update: the site visit by the DNR is complete.
3. **Wrap Up: Community and Special Events**

5/18/18: Gala "The Vibe"
>The evening was inspiring and successful! The event raised over \$3,400. Along with donations and additional fundraisers a newer used boat was purchased for the adaptive waterski program.
4. **Upcoming: Community and Special Events**

6/14/18 Summer Concert Series: begins with "The Adams Family". 2-3 food trucks.
7/4/18 July 4th Celebration: 10 food vendors are already registered for the evening events. Applications for the 5K Race, parade, food vendors and community booths are now available.

- 8/11/18 Celebrate Kentwood: Farmers market, car show, carnival, beer garden, music, food trucks, community booths, Kentwood's Got Talent competition.
- 9/15/18 End of Summer Food Truck Rally: Food Trucks have sold out and we are filled to capacity with 30 food trucks.

5. Update: Recreation Programs

- a. The Summer Program Brochure has been mailed and copies are available throughout the City. We will be combining seasons in the future, with two mailings per year rather than four. Spring-Summer & Fall-Winter. On-line registrations are still increasing.

6. Commissioner Reports

- a. Ed Kape: Had a wonderful time at the Gala "The Vibe" on May 18, was impressed by the silent auction items.
- b. Mimi Madden: Had a blast at the Gala "The Vibe".
- c. David Moore II: Wanted to learn more about the ARCH afterschool summer program. It helps students not to regress academically over the summer months. It implements disguised learning by offering a different learning environment. Includes field trips, volunteering opportunities, etc.

Meeting Adjourned 5:34pm

****No meetings in the summer months of July and August****

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 10, 2018 at 5:15pm | Kentwood Activities Center (355-48th St SE)

6/15/18 LB-VR