

**ADVISORY PARK BOARD MINUTES**  
**December 14, 2010**

**Item 1: Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:31pm by Chairman Robert Ranney. Committee members present were Robert Ranney, Marc Cerce, Mike McWilliams, and Beau Buffington. City Administrator, Rick Hess, and Mr. Ted Hillmer were also present.

**Item 2: Public Input**

No one signed up to speak

**Item 3a. Discussion and possible vote on November 9, 2010 minutes**

A motion was made by Mike McWilliams to approve the November 9, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded by Beau Buffington. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney Aye. Motion passed.

**Item 3b. Discussion and possible vote on November 23, 2010 minutes**

A motion was made by Robert Ranney to approve the November 23, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike McWilliams. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney Aye. Motion passed.

**Item 3c. Review of September 2010 financials**

The September 2010 financials were reviewed by the Advisory Park Board. Robert Ranney asked for information about expenditures that appeared to not match. Rick Hess said he would look into it and report back to the Advisory Park Board.

**Item 3d. Review of October 2010 financials**

The October 2010 financials were reviewed by the Advisory Park Board.

**Item 4a. Fourth of July Planning—Tom Dickey—Fireworks contract research**

No action taken. More at January 2011 meeting

**Item 4b. Wilson's Creek 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—Aaron, Rick Ted Hillmer –What role can the city play**

Ted Hillmer from Wilson's Creek National Battlefield presented plans for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek. This is a 4 year plan for activities which will kick off on Aug. 12-14, 2011 with the Governor's signature event. A special invitation has also been extended to President Barak Obama through Senator-elect Blunt's office.

This will be a tremendous tourist opportunity, but much promotion needed; and finances are tight. Civil War buffs are sure to come and vacation here if this is promoted well. The state of Missouri has a website to promote this event, and there is also a virtual library being developed.

Several events are planned over the coming year such as:

The Library Center: will hold "The Big Read" in April and promotions in the "Book Ends" library magazine.

There will be a booth at Jordan Valley Area and a display in the Springfield city square.

The City of Republic will be holding a parade on August 6<sup>th</sup>

The main event will begin on August 10<sup>th</sup> and will include 3500 re-enactors. The event will be held north of Wilson's Creek Stables and they are planning for 60,000-80,000 people. This is a major fundraising event for Wilson's Creek. The ultimate goal is for people to come and vacation here over the 4 years to be at these events.

A Literary Festival will also be held in September.

Other ideas are:

Springfield Cardinals may hold a North/South game  
Potential Lincoln/Douglass debate with attorneys participating  
A possible 5K or 10 K Run at the Battlefield  
There is a desire to hold an Arts Festival  
Civil War trading cards with promotions in public schools  
Hot Springs, Eureka Springs, Branson—brochures being placed promoting Pea Ridge in Arkansas  
Republic H.S. working on artwork, banners, etc.  
Encourage businesses & city websites to link.  
We need to advertise sooner, rather than later. Advertising may be a significant help that the APB can help with.

The members discussed the possibility of advertising these events at our 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and possibly tie in announcements about the Trail of Tears. We will provide a booth at no cost for promotion of the Wilson’s Creek events and the city may have a booth at the reenactment as well.

There will be the possibility of placing posters and flyers at churches and businesses in the area to help with advertising. Chairman Robert Ranney asked Ted Hillmer to call on us as new ideas come to fruition. The APB is willing and able to help wherever possible.

**Item 4c. Gazebo Proposal Result—Rick Hess**

Rick Hess reported that the Board of Alderman has approved the Advisory Park Board’s proposal and the city has already picked up the shrubbery and the trees.

**Item 4d. Native Tree Program—Bob Ranney**

Members discussed the options regarding our 2011 Native Tree Program. It was suggested to draw up a flyer which will be handed out to the 2000 homes in the city of Battlefield to promote this program. A motion was made by Mike McWilliams to approve Robert Ranney to proceed with ordering the trees at a cost of up to \$400.00. The motion was seconded by Marc Cerce. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney Aye. Motion passed. Robert Ranney will report on this at the next APB meeting.

**Item 4e. Additional info on pocket park**

Rick Hess presented a proposal for additional work needed at the new park site. A motion was made by Beau Buffington to authorize Rick to have Hunter Chase & Associates remove existing stumps, and to conduct site clearing/grubbing at a price not to exceed \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Robert Ranney. A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney Aye.

**Item 5 Suggestions for the next meeting**

The next APB meeting will be held January 10, 2011; The meeting will be held in the community room as the Planning and Zoning Committee will be holding a special meeting in the court room on the same evening.

**Item 6 Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mike McWilliams to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marc Cerce A roll call vote was taken with Beau Buffington aye, Marc Cerce aye, Mike McWilliams aye, and Robert Ranney Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Ranney, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Marc Cerce, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date

