



CITY OF ROWLETT
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
Thursday, February 28, 2008
6:30 p.m.
Rowlett Community Centre
Room "D"
5300 Main Street

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Norman Tsao, Becky Tate, Karen Scholz, Howard Marsellus, Jeff Jenkins, Lonnie Cornwell, Robert Kittrell, Louis Lebel

ABSENT: Debby Bobbitt

STAFF: Dalan Walker, Assistant Parks Director; Katie Corder, Assistant City Manager; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Steve Maggiotto, City Council Liaison to the Board

VISITORS: Scott Montgomery, President of Rowlett Youth Soccer Association; Brett Rotan, President of Rowlett Hockey League

1. The Special Session was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Baxter. He introduced Katie Corder, Assistant City Manager.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Discuss and reach agreement on the Board's recommendation to Council on the subject of Sport Association User Fees.

Dalan Walker presented a PowerPoint presentation with background information on the processes undertaken to help determine the fee structure for the Rowlett Sport Associations. A copy of his presentation marked "Exhibit A" is attached.

The key points were as follows:

- a. The Board voted at the regular meeting on February 13th, to adopt a \$15 per person user fee to all members of the Radio Control Flying Club members.
- b. The current fee structure is team based, and should be changed to a participant based fee structure to bring us current with standard procedure in the majority of other associations.
- c. There are 7,389 total participants in the Rowlett sports associations.
- d. Rowlett Youth Baseball (RYBA) and Lake Cities Girls Fastpitch (LCGFP) are the only associations that are charged for electricity.
- e. Adult Softball (RASA) fees are the highest in the Metroplex area.
- f. Revenues from tournaments and concessions increase the revenue for RYBA and RASA.

- g. The City receives no revenue from Rowlett Tennis Association (RTA). It is currently a non-profit organization with only 2 board members.
- h. Rowlett Hockey Association (RHA) and Rowlett Youth Soccer Association (RYSA) have contributed considerable "sweat equity" to their facilities.
- i. FC Dallas Soccer Association currently pays RYSA \$6000/10-month season for practice rights on the Community Park fields. The City will now be receiving that revenue, and the Board should decide the amount of the fee. Scott Montgomery informed the Board that FC Dallas Soccer Association will become a "for profit organization owned by Hunt Sports Group effective July 1, 2008. Jeff Jenkins suggested increasing the fee to \$800/month, but extending the contract with FC Dallas to a 12-month contract for a total of \$9600 revenue for rental of the fields.
- j. RYSA and RYBA have contributed monetarily as well to their facilities from association funds.
- k. Staff is hesitant to charge electrical fees until the City installs Control Link and a new comprehensive irrigation control system that will regulate association usage of electricity and more precisely water fields for water conservation.
- l. Steve Maggiotto explained the effort to assess user fees to the associations is more about conservation and getting the sports associations to conserve resources, the savings for which would be reinvested into the associations.
- m. Norman Tsao cited the amount of revenue generated by the LCGFP compared to the amount of cost to the City for maintaining their four fields is grossly disproportionate, and other options should be considered to save money in this area.
- n. Norman Tsao suggested dividing the associations into two categories for fee assessment:
 - 1) Minor League Associations with less than 250 members that would pay approximately ½ the per participant user fee of larger associations to be equitable.
 - 2) Major Leagues Associations with 250 members or more that would pay approximately twice as much per participant than the smaller associations.
- o. Staff suggested five options for the Board to consider:
 - 1) Complete subsidization of Sports Associations
 - 2) Fees based on current revenue plus practice fees.
 - 3) Fees based on 20% cost recovery
 - 4) Fees based on 25% cost recovery
 - 5) Fees based on current revenue plus actual electric cost
 - 6) Complete cost recovery from Sports Associations
- p. A motion was made by Ken Romaine and seconded by Lonnie Cornwell to accept Option 2 as the Board's recommendation to City Council. The vote was 5 in favor and 4 opposed. The motion passed. (NOTE: *This motion was later rescinded by Ken Romaine and Lonnie Cornwell in favor of other motions.*)
- q. A motion was made by Lonnie Cornwell and seconded by Norman Scown that we do not charge non-resident participants in our sports association's additional fees to play in Rowlett. The vote was four in favor and five against this motion. The motion failed.
- r. A motion was made by Louis Lebel and seconded by Karen Scholz to charge non-residents a usage fee of \$7.50 per participant, which represents a 20% increase above the resident per-participant fee of \$6.25 per. The vote was 8 in favor and 1 against. The motion passed. (NOTE: *This motion was later rescinded by Louis Lebel and Karen Scholz in favor of another motion.*)
- s. A motion was made by Norman Scown and seconded by Louis Lebel to assess user fees in the amount of \$3.50 to the Minor League Association participants and \$7.50 to participants in the Major League Associations. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (EXHIBIT B attached.)

- t. A motion was made by Norman Tsao to establish a Major League for associations with 250 or more participants and a Minor League for associations with less than 250 participants to more equitably assess user fees between smaller and larger associations. The motion was seconded by Lonnie Cornwell, and passed unanimously.
- u. A final motion was made by Ken Romaine and seconded by Lonnie Cornwell that the following fee schedule be recommended to City Council by the Parks Advisory Board. The vote was unanimous to accept this motion.

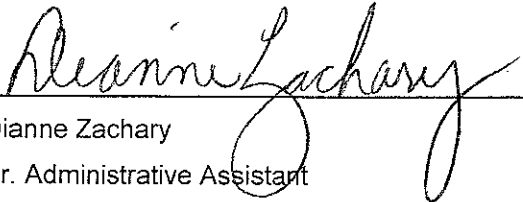

Association	Total Participants	Resident	Res Fee	Non resident	Non res fee	Total	
Rowlett Youth Baseball Lake Cities Girls Fast Pitch Association	324	275	\$ 7.50	49	\$ 9.00	\$ 2,502.90	
Rowlett Youth Soccer	3119	2651	\$ 7.50	468	\$ 9.00	\$ 24,094.28	
Rowlett Hockey Association	126	107	\$ 3.50	19	\$ 4.20	\$ 454.23	
Rowlett Softball Association	2520	2142	\$ 7.50	378	\$ 9.00	\$ 19,467.00	
Rowlett Tennis Association	40	34	\$ 3.50	6	\$ 4.20	\$ 144.20	
FC Dallas Youth							
TOTAL	7389					\$ 56,396.11	51500
						\$ 55,526.41	
						\$ 65,996.11	
						\$ 14,496.11	
			\$ 441.00			\$ 960.00	

4. Announcements.

Wayne Baxter invited an 8-year-old child who wants to raise money for Mayors Park in his neighborhood and who also attended a recent City Council meeting to attend the March PAB meeting.

- 5. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matters have been properly placed on a posted agenda.

- Skate Zone Sub-committee report (Lonnie Cornwell)
 - Discuss the Control Link system. (Karen Scholz)
 - Discuss the park trail system, roads, the two new developments near Paddle Point and single loading. (Norman Scown)
 - Discuss options for decreasing the expenses for LCGFP. (Norman Tsao)
6. A motion to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. was made by Louis Lebel and seconded by Wayne Baxter. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

	
Dianne Zachary Sr. Administrative Assistant	Wayne Baxter Chairman