

**Raytown Park Board
Minutes
December 18, 2017**

Attendance:

Park Board: Terry Copeland, Chris Rathbone, Dave Thurman, George Mitchell, Robbie Tubbs, Janette Guenther & Kim MontsDeOca

Staff: Kevin Boji, Ron Fowler, Dave Turner and Mary Ann McCormick

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to approve the November 20, 2017 minutes. Janette Guenther seconded and the motion passed.

Guests:

1. John Thompson from Raytown Baseball Association gave an update. Last season started with 6 board members and end of season down to 3. They had 130 registrations last year to form 9 teams. The 10U and 12U had only one team each and had to play most of their games outside of Raytown. They are hoping to add more kids this year. Early registration is now thru end of December and regular registration will start January 1st thru end of February. They are giving the option to sign up a whole team this year. Registration is \$100-\$125 per child. They are looking into getting scholarships thru school district, gaining sponsors and donations. Park Board suggested they get their coaches CPR and First Aid certified.
2. Greg Walters asked the board members if they received their letters about forming a committee of neighbors and park board members. Delores Dewey stated that there was a police chase and gun shots fired in Colman Park a couple of Sundays ago. There are lots of "rendezvous" in the parks up by her house, warmer weather brings homeless persons to the parks and there is a lot of loitering.

Reports of Officers:

President: Danielle Miles resigned from Park Board on December 12th due to her moving out of Raytown. If you know of any candidates, have them fill out an application and give to Mayor. Assigned Robbie Tubbs as Program Chair.

Vice President: no report

Reports of Standing & Special Committees:

Personnel – no report

Finance – no report

Program – no report

Buildings & Grounds – no report

Rice-Tremonti - Dave Thurman reported they made \$1124 from the two Christmas open house weekends. Raytown Rocks was there on 12/9. After first of year, they are going to repair plaster and paint upstairs and have someone come in and touchup the wallpaper in bathroom.

Staff Reports:

Director – Reached out to Michael Watson, REAP Director to discuss the \$21,754 that they owe us. Michael did not call back or respond to email and I plan to contact him again after the first of the year.

Superintendent of Parks – a written report was distributed. We are actively looking to fill Horticulturist and Landscape Technician positions.

Recreation Report – a written report was distributed. Basketball is going okay just a few minor problems but that is expected. Dave is on the committee for the Greenspace and the committee wants to hold an event the 3rd Saturday of every month April – September. They wanted different groups to come in and do their own function and committee would supervise. The new plan is to have Dave plan all events and there is no budget from city to do this. Dave would have to get sponsors, get groups, etc. Dave Thurman and Vicki Turnbow are going to meet with Mayor McDonough to discuss this new plan. It is unconceivable for one person to do this event once a month.

New Business:

1. Robbie Tubbs wanted to dismantle the Personnel Committee because it is redundant with the City. Even though committee doesn't meet often, it is still needed. Terry Copeland suggested we do staff reviews. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to keep the By-Laws the same. Chris Rathbone seconded and motion passed.
2. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to cancel contract with RBA. Robbie Tubbs retracted motion.
3. Chris Rathbone made a motion to do a one year agreement with RBA and have them merge with another group or dissolve RBA. George Mitchell seconded. Chris Rathbone made a motion to retract motion. George Mitchell seconded and the retraction passed.
4. Robbie Tubbs made a motion to cancel agreement with RBA as of January 1, 2018 if they do not pay what they owe. George Mitchell seconded. George Mitchell made a motion to amend motion if RBA is able to pay their outstanding balance by January 1, 2018, we continue to let them run the league, if they cannot the we will follow up with termination that we agreed upon last month as of February 1, 2018. Robbie Tubbs seconded the amendment and the motion passed. The original motion and amended motion was passed. Send a letter to RBA stating the concerns looking at their financials and are concerned that you are out of runway here and we sure hate it, but just so you know what our thinking is for these actions. Dave Thurman asked for a list of RBA creditors.
5. Terry Copeland asked staff to come up with a list of items that we could add to the park system for next year. We have \$20,000 in the budget for these projects.
6. Dave Thurman made a motion to adjourn. Chris Rathbone seconded and the meeting passed.