



**KEIZER LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS TASK FORCE
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
Keizer Civic Center**

Councilor Jim Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. In attendance were:

Present:

Rick Kuehn
Clint Holland
Stephanie Bojorquez
Dave Bauer
Mike Gaynor, Jr.
Richard Walsh

Absent:

Kurt Barker

Council Liaison:

Jim Taylor

Staff:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Rick Kuehn and Clint Holland were elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively by unanimous votes.

Public Comments ~ None

Discussion ~ Councilor Taylor explained that the management contract for the Little League Fields expires as of July 31, 2012. A Request for Proposals has been published so someone will be in charge of the fields. The mission of the Task Force is to (1) figure out how to get through the next year and work with Keizer Little League and Keizer Youth Sports Association so that they can work together in a symbiotic relationship; and (2) develop a template that shows how the two will work together and what they would like the City to do. The City will decide what they can do and move forward from that time on.

Discussion then took place regarding the concession stand, numbers of participants, and game scheduling. Richard Walsh voiced the desire to see accurate information being shared in the group so that the history could be reviewed and factual commonalities found. Once that background has been established it will be easier to identify problems and remedies.

Ms. Bojorquez, President of the Keizer Little League, voiced the hope that KYSA and KLL would work together and the Task Force would be a sounding board. This would be financially sound for both groups and would enable them both to serve the community.

Additional discussion took place regarding the contract date and the need to delay the award pending Task Force review.

Rich Walsh moved to request that Council not issue an actual order awarding the contract until the Task Force has reviewed the materials connected with the Request for Proposals. Clint Holland offered a friendly amendment that the deadline for submission of the Proposals be extended.

Following lengthy discussion, Mr. Walsh withdrew his motion and Mr. Holland withdrew his second.

Rich Walsh moved to ask Council to extend the deadline for responses to the Request for Proposals for 30 days, to August 13. Clint Holland seconded.

Motion passed unanimously as follows: Kuehn, Holland, Bojorquez, Bauer, Gaynor, and Walsh in favor with Barker absent.

Councilor Taylor pointed out that it was critical that a template be developed to ensure that both groups work together and not critical to either group who gets the contract. Discussion followed regarding determining the mission of the task force. Further discussion then took place regarding hiring a commissioner to manage both groups, games played at the facility, and vacant fields.

Next Meeting ~ Members agreed that it was important for both Keizer Little League and Keizer Youth Sports to attend the meetings in order to accomplish the desired goal in the most amicable manner. They agreed to schedule the next meeting for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16. This will be prior to the Council meeting but after KYSA and KLL have met with Chris Eppley.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting – July 16, 2012, 5:00 p.m. - Keizer Civic Center, Room A

Minutes Approved: 03-18-13