

Minutes of Workshop held October 21, 2013

Workshop with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Sam Cortez and Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Police Chief Richard Priest.

Visitors: Matthew Martinez, Tracy Tumblison, Jennifer and Jerred Redman, Bill Stewart, Michael Mills, Jose Diaz, Raul Davila, Loren Davila, Fernando Placido, Imelda Placido, Armando Esquibel, Jeffrey Toscano, Jordan Walker, Amber Moore, Lisa Wells, Johanna Nieto, and Jerry Navarro.

Mayor Bowen opened the workshop at 6:30 p.m., and explained the reason for the workshop was to discuss the current license agreement with LYP with its officers.

Mayor Bowen introduced park liaison Kevin Keith. Alderman Keith told everyone in attendance that this workshop is about going over the contract and not about the way LYP is operated, and the city's roll is only about the use of the park and its facilities.

Matthew Martinez, LYP President told Council the Vice-President is Loren Davila and the Treasurer is Johanna Nieto and introduced them to Council. Mr. Martinez said Secretary Andee Davila couldn't be at this meeting.

Alderman Keith explained the license agreement to everyone in attendance, and said the current contract runs thru January.

Mr. Keith told everyone that according to the license agreement the fields cannot be sublet to anyone. If someone wants to use the fields and park facilities they have to contact City Hall and request the use of these facilities.

Jerry Navarro told Council that he had the tournament at the City Park that caused this to come up and he told Council it was a fundraiser for a teenager from Somerset that he had coached. Mr. Navarro thanked Council and Matt Martinez for lending the park to him for this event.

Mayor Bowen told everyone from now on only the city can give permission for using park facilities.

Alderman Keith told everyone that the city wants to get things right for the future and that is why it is important to discuss the things set forth in the contract.

The Mayor and Alderman reviewed the rest of the license agreement with those in attendance.

After review, more questions were asked about holding tournaments on the city's ball fields. Mayor Bowen again told everyone that in the future, the city is to be contacted if they are wanting to hold a tournament at the city park.

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Chief Priest told everyone that the police department needs to know if a tournament is being held, so they don't run anybody off that is supposed to be there.

Alderman Keith told everyone that the contract needs to be reviewed each year due to change over of officers.

Mayor Bowen told everyone that once the new person is hired to work in the park there will be better communication, and the city will try to accommodate an event that is scheduled.

Workshop was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.