

ACCENT GENERAL MEETING
MAY 15TH, 2007 7:00 PM.
EAST SIDE SENIOR CENTER

Marian called the General Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Speaker Doug Romig was asked to discuss the skate park. Doug told us it was in the final stages of planning & final bids would be made in July. It will be opening in the fall @ Four Mile Creek Community Center. Doug passed out pictures of the design. It will have a higher emphasis on street skating & will be ideal for any level of skater. It will be the first Skate Park in DSM, at the cost of \$250,000. It will include security lighting & camera, possibly a Web Cam. Will build a playground at a later date, also included at a later date will be a walking path & shelter. There are plans for three skate parks to be built in the future. Questions were answered.

Rick Fedson was next about Eastside Boxing Club. Before the end of summer there will be an Eastside Boxing Club. It will be for all ages, there will be a dress code & supervision at all times by an officer. Building has started being cleaned out. Police will have an open house Saturday May 19th from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. K-9 unit, Horse Patrol, & Helicopter will be there.

Bruce Bergman followed about property maintenance code - whether city would entertain the idea of an owner maintenance code. There would be 3 parts to it, minimum, intermediate & maximum. Some of the problems that exist with doing this are demographics & cost for more inspectors.

Bob Mahaffey was up next. Results on the new Eastside Library are great. Attendance has improved.

Hotel on E. 30, across from the fairgrounds is coming along. The completion date is scheduled in time for the fair.

E 30th connection is progressing.

Aquatic Center at Teachout is being redone, will have 3 slides.

The City will plow the garden to get ready for planting.

Golf Course is still in the planning stages. They need to raise money by having a fund raiser.

Bobby Hansen could be heading it up.

A nail salon is going in at Eastgate & MLK park will have new facilities going in.

Tom Hockensmith talked about the budget next. The new jail will have a debt construction of \$2.3 million. Staffing is going to be a challenge. They are still working on the budget. They will know in the fall what to do about costs.

They will let bids for NE 56th Ave. later this year.

Oliver Plaza construction has started. It will house 300 employees for the City. It will be done in January or February. They will not be renewing any leases on west end businesses.

There will also be a Satellite Drivers License Station at Oliver Plaza.

Tom talked about a hotel next to the Events Center & Project Destiny will be on the ballot.

Tom presented Marian with a check for \$3000.00 for the grant Accent applied for.

The playground built by Home Depot & Kaboom will be built May 17th, 2007. Grand Opening will be May 20th, 2007.

Marian talk about what Accent will be doing with the grant money. Plants for planters and garden will be ready June 1st, 2007.

The Board had a short meeting to approve having Dennis Elder mow the Park @ E. 29th & Easton for up to \$25.00 each time he mows.

Marian made a motion to approve. Fran Koontz & Doris Parsons 2nd. Board approved.

Meeting adjourned

Next scheduled meeting will be July 17th at 6:30 pm at the Eastside Library

Don't forget about the picnic Sunday, June 24th @ Grandview Park's Main Shelter from 10:00am - 3:00 pm. Hope to see everyone there!!