

## JB Wells Advisory Board

Tuesday October 15, 2013

5:43 pm- President Chrissy O'Neal called the meeting to order.

Board members discussed the 'budget' vs. the Actual budget for JB Wells park do not match. Each member had received the budget ahead of the meeting to preview.

Bobby Logan was an invited guest at the meeting at suggested that either Pam Larison or Alan Barnes be invited to the November meeting to go over the budget.

The budget shown on the city website does not match the actual budget. Board members stated the budget should not be published if it is not correct- giving false information to the residents of Gonzales. One example of this: there was \$76,000 on budget for soccer fields put into JB Wells budget, there are no soccer fields anywhere on the park, not even an area cleared for them.

Question to Mike Jeffery- Why are RV rentals and other Cutting, Rodeos, Barrel Race venues not listed on the budget as line items for income when the RV spaces are rented for those activities? Why is that money going to the City of Gonzales rather than JB Wells park when JB Wells park pays for the electric on all the activities at the JB Wells park? Mr. Jeffrey said he would like to know the same thing.

It was mentioned by several board members that we have this much built (referring to arena, warm up arena, stall barn and show barn), but are close to losing Major events for our city such as the TYRA and Jr. High Finals.

Board asked Mayor Bobby Logan if he can check into why income for JB Wells park is not staying at the park. He suggested that Chrissy and Bryan go meet with Alan and Pam to ask questions on budget.

Budget for 2013/2014- other rodeo revenues are not broken out.

Brian Herndon stated that stall rentals of \$15 per day does not stay at the park- even though workers have to clean out those stalls at the end of every event held at the park. Funds should go to original intended use of the contracts.

Wesley Caldwell stated that money needs to come out of the 'general fund' of the City of Gonzales for additional cover for warm up arena or new warm up arena and Event Center that could be paid for and have already been making money.

Steve Hendershot stated the accounting is Not reflective of the actual.

Chrissy O'Neal stated there are no previous procedures or accountability put into place- Mike and Rhonda (JB Wells park Director and ) should be able to code all receipts, and each of them should be credited to JB Wells park.

Bryan Herndon suggested an on-line option for booking r.v's for rodeos, stating that other rodeos they attend allow them to go on-line and reserve spots.

A discussion of the Master Plan was started;

Trails were approved back when the park was initially started, now are being told by Historical Society that Archaeologist need to be there to mark trails through Texas Parks & Wildlife. This is going backward rather than forward. If permission was already granted trails should be put in without further interference.

The first Master plan was somewhere around 1999/2000.

Board asked for copies of the Jr. High and TYRA contracts to see what facility has been promised in the regards to a Multi Use Facility. Mr. Barnes had promised in 2012 to the Jr. High Finals that facility would be started- and there is not even a drawing of a facility presented.

Currently it was noticed that there is about \$550 per month brought in on just RV rentals(mainly oilfield)- this amount does not include the amounts that come in for Cuttings, Rodeos, Barrel Races and other events.

M.J. would like to emphasize the Multi Events Center and see how it can get going.

Questions raised regarding who has a grant writer and how we can use them.

Economic impact study- this was finalized last December- where is it? We would like to see it. The City paid for it, we have reason to need to view it.

There is already 5 acres set aside for a Building site.

Chrissy O'Neal asked Bobby Logan what is the Board's purpose and what is the JB Wells Advisory Board designed for?

All members agreed that it is a Priority to get the Multi use facility started and that Line Items that come through JB Wells park should be listed as such so as to get credit for the amount of business that comes through the park.

The Next meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Kurt Trammel motioned to adjourn, followed by a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Wesley Caldwell