

**Director's Report  
For  
March 14, 2012**

**Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services**

1. CDBG Applications will be submitted for the following
  - a. GED/HSED Program at Dr. Martin Luther King Comm. Center
  - b. Main Gallery Summer Program
  - c. Tree Planting Program
  - d. Heck Park Playground Equipment
  - e. West Park Playground Equipment
  - f. Various sidewalks in parks - replacement & new
2. Approval was given for final payment for renovations to the Island Park Pedestrian Bridge. This was a CDBG Project. Total project cost: \$33,000.
3. Approval was given to authorize change order #1 and final payment for Island Park Asphalt Improvements. This was a CDBG Project. Horlick Dr. as well as the North Parking Lot was repaved. Total project amount \$117,211.61.
4. Approval was given for final payment of professional services (\$5,875) and roof replacement (\$49,193.64) at the North Beach Bathhouse.
5. Approval was given for final payment of masonry restoration at our recreation service center. Total project amount \$25,625.
6. Fountain Update
  - a. All of the roof soffit and fascia sheet metal trim has been installed. All of the fountain plumbing equipment has been delivered and installation has started. WEPCO has installed the electric service disconnect and will be installing the electric service towards the end of the month. We had to reverse the mechanical room door swing so that it swings out to meet code requirements. The swing will not interfere with traffic. Also, a chemical warning sign will be posted on the exterior of the door to comply with the codes. Except for work on the fountain itself most of the work will be focused on the building's interior plumbing, electrical and ventilation.

- b. Approval was given to waive formal bidding and allow the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with Absolute Mechanical & Plumbing for service contract at the Laurel Clark Fountain for 2012 only.
- c. Approval was given for payment on change order #2 (\$14,420) at the Laurel Clark Fountain raising total project amount to \$713,824.

## 7. Recreation

- a. Eight (8) women's teams competed in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual City Volleyball Tournament that was held on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Cesar Chavez Community Center.
- b. Seven (7) men's teams competed in the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual City Basketball Tournament that was held on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Cesar Chavez Community Center.
- c. Registration for the following programs are underway
  - i. Youth Spring Basketball League
  - ii. Youth Summer TBall, Coach Pitch, Kid Pitch & Old Timers Softball
  - iii. Adult Softball, Sand Volleyball, Tennis & Kickball.
- d. Stay tuned for upcoming program registration
  - i. Playground Program
  - ii. Learn to Swim
- e. Applications are available for the follow summer positions
  - i. Summer Lifeguards
  - ii. Summer playground Leaders
  - iii. Main Gallery
- f. Spring/Summer program flyer will go out the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> to all schools to promote Youth TBall, Coach Pitch, Kid Pitch & Old Timers Softball, Hersey's Track and Field, Playground Program, Learn to Swim and Spring Community Center Hours.

## 8. Community Centers

- a. Dr. MLK
  - i. Voting was held on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - ii. There are six (6) to seven (7) EXCEL students that are consistently attending class.
  - iii. Black History Program was held on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm along with NAACP. The program focus was on the Dred Scott case and its influence on the Civil War. About sixty-five people attended.
  - iv. A new summer program Learning In Side Out, and Up Side Down is set to start June 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a program focusing on children birth to five.

b. Humble Park/Cesar Chavez Community Centers

- i. Chavez Center transition with new and existing senior programming has been successful. Additional senior card club players from the Belle City Senior Center are now using the center.
- ii. Optimist basketball concluded on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Chavez Center with the basketball tournament for 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys. Games went very well, all being highly competitive. COP officers stayed the day to help with any problems and things went smoothly. It was estimated a few thousand players and spectators were in attendance throughout day.
- iii. Both Centers have added voting districts to the buildings for elections.

c. Bryant/Tyler-Domer Community Centers

- i. The Snow Sharks Ski and Snowboard club completed its ninth season on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ii. Over thirty (30) youth participated in the 12th Annual Free Throw contest held Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> at the TDCC. First place finishers represented the City of Racine at the SEPRC Free Throw contest held on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at West Allis Central High School.
- iii. A Foot clinic with "R" Home Care Services was brought to TDCC. The clinic will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every even numbered month.
- iv. Plans are in the works to bring a Senior/Adult Computer Classes for both Bryant/TD Community Centers.
- v. The Tax Assistant Program at Bryant is bringing in an average of 25-30 people daily.