

**Samsons Island Park Committee
Minutes from meeting held December 10, 2008**

The Samsons Island Park Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Carnival at 6:05pm on Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

Members in attendance were Sandy Carnival, Sam Lauricella, Brian Gilcher, John Cherniga. Also present were Councilwoman Kirby, Recreation Director Kerry Stoms, staff Dori Hughes and Rich Santangelo.

Minute Approval

The minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed. John Cherniga moved, seconded by Sam Lauricella to approve the minutes as submitted. All ayes, motion passed.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments. Later in the meeting a gentleman asked if the committee could install cleats at the low section of the main dock so kayaks and canoes can tie up.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Kirby spoke to the committee about the possibility of combining the Samsons Island Park Committee with the Recreation Board. She reported that the City Council is considering this option with all boards and committees in order to reduce staff time and costs associated with the boards/committees. Samsons Island Committee members provided these comments: committee members volunteered for the Samsons Island committee because they have an interest in this particular park and/or have expertise to share for outdoor environmental parks; committee members may not have an interest in active recreation areas such as ballfields; the Samsons Island committee has a budget whereas the Recreation Board does not; in an attempt to save costs, the committee could consider reducing their meeting dates to every other month. Councilwoman Kirby suggested the Committee provide City Council with a letter signed by committee members expressing their concern with the merger. Sam Lauricella moved, seconded by John Cherniga to have the Samsons Island Chairperson draft a letter for committee members to sign expressing concern about consolidating with another board. Ayes from Sandy Carnival, John Cherniga and Sam Lauricella, Nay from Brian Gilcher.

Results from Founder's Day

The Day was awesome and many folks stopped to talk about Samsons Island.

Discuss the Spring Open House

The Committee chose the date of March 21, 2009 for the Samsons Island Open House. More details to follow.

Report from Staff and Volunteers

There was none

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The Volunteers and Committee enjoyed the evening and were thanked for the efforts by Councilwoman Kirby and Recreation Director Stoms.

Next Agenda Items

Discuss date to try out the new ADA ramps.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.