

# Lake Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

February 10, 2010

The Shawnee Lake Advisory Committee (SLAC) was formed to make recommendations to the City Commission on issues involving zoning and ordinances at the lake, recreational fees and services, and lease terms and rates.

The committee's first meeting was held February 10, 2010. Attendees included Planning Director Justin Erickson and City Manager Brian McDougal along with committee members Lance Wortham, Wolf Gugler, Mark Wolfe, Link Cowen, Julie Akerman, Russ Adams, Cindy Bruno, Commissioner Frank Sims and Commissioner Pam Stephens (sitting in for James Harrod). Since it was an open meeting, there were also several leaseholders in the audience.

After introductions, Justin Erickson handed out information packets to committee members and the date of March 8<sup>th</sup> was set for the next meeting. A tentative monthly meeting schedule was set for the second Monday of each month (but this is subject to change).

General discussion ensued involving several lake-related topics. They talked about what improvements people would like to see at the lake and how those improvements would be funded. They also talked about whether or not it would be feasible to have a full-time lake ranger and if so, how that would be funded and ways to sell permits, enforce lake rules, and set recreational fees and fines.

Mark Wolfe asked if there would be an effort to make lake usage profitable for the city and Commissioner Pam Stephens responded no, she did not believe that would ever be possible. She also stated that with current budget restraints, she did NOT foresee a full-time lake ranger any time soon.

There was considerable discussion about the effect of opening up more lake lots as a way to generate revenue for the city. The primary concern surrounding this was of course, how it would affect water quality. One member reminded attendees of discussions held by city staff and commissioners a couple of years ago about prohibiting building around the lake to protect the water from the hazards of development and said serious thought should be given to the consequences before opening up any more lots.

Frank Sims said the CLO has almost finished surveying all the lots on state land and he would like to see the city survey its lots. Homebuilder Link Cowen asked for assurance that the state abide by city rules as they begin to lease/develop any new lots. Justin Erickson said he would request something in writing from the CLO's legal staff.

There was also some discussion about forming a new zoning classification for the lake area called "Suburban Lake". The land is currently zoned agriculture, which restricts the building of houses to 5-acre tracts. Obviously, this has never been enforced on lake lots since they were platted in the 1930's. This and other ordinances will be reviewed for possible modification.

This initial meeting was mainly a forming and brainstorming session. Nothing definite was proposed or decided. The SLLA will continue to keep you informed as progress is made on these issues.