

October 26, 1994 Minutes of the Tassel Top Committee

Present: Charles Smith, Chairperson, Ernest Allen, Steve Crockett, Martin Krauter, Bob Metz.

The October 26 Agenda was approved as were the Minutes of September 26, 1994.

Old Business:

Committee member terms was discussed and Bob Metz suggested that members serve for a period of four years, replacing one member each year. Since there are four appointed members three members would continue to serve thus giving the committee a sense of continuity. The suggestion was approved by the committee. Charles Smith will be retiring in December.

Martin Krauter submitted to the committee a monthly report of the Tassel Top 1994 finances. Tassel Top incurred a loss of \$1172.08. It was costly to operate the beach in June and in August because of the inclement weather. The cost of labor resulted in a loss at the snack bar and it was suggested that the alternative could be vending machines. It is apparent that restructuring of the work force, park hours and snack bar will have to be done.

Donna Johnson (who could not attend the meeting) submitted a brochure draft and a memo regarding Tassel Top operating hours for 1995-96. These will be reviewed at the November 26 meeting.

New Business:

Norman Ridlon, Ranger has submitted his resignation. A new job description will be implemented. The committee felt strongly that they should be involved with the Town Manager on the final selection of a Ranger.

The committee would like the Town Manager to send Norman a letter of regret and thanking him for his years of service. The committee would also like to present him with a plaque as our first Ranger at Tassel Top. This will be presented to him at a future meeting.

The committee will meet on November 30, 4:30 p.m., at the Town Hall.

Date: October 26, 1994

TO: Charles Smith

FROM: Donna Johnson

RE: Tassel Top Meeting October 26

Charlie,

My input regarding operating hours for the Tassel Top for 1995-1996: It is my opinion that the park should be open weekends from Memorial Day until July 4. For the months of July and August the park should be open daily. We may want to consider the honor system for off-peak hours. I know the state parks do this.

I would also like to gather information from other towns who manage parks similar to ours to look at their rate structures and the facilities they manage. A thought regarding long term planning, perhaps promoting group use would boost our income. Very often companies and non-profit groups are in need of outdoor activity areas and we have an excellent location.

It is obvious that we will have to cut expenses. Contracted services were twice what we budgeted.

I was sorry to hear of Norm's resignation. For the record I would like it entered that Norman was a conscientious manager who made sure the park was always neat and clean. The park has flourished under his care and his efforts and talents will be missed.