

ETHICS BOARD MINUTES

May 14, 2002

Chair Lee Sisson called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. Present: members Stan Smith, Mike Neuens. Also present: City Clerk Judy Weter.

MINUTES

Motion by Smith, seconded by Neuens to approve the minutes from September 11, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPLAINTS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Park and Recreation Department is considering selling Entertainment Books with proceeds going to the P&R Department programs. The Board agreed this does not violate any ethics ordinance.

Chair Sisson reported Mayor Wysocki asked for an opinion on city employees accepting food gifts during the holiday season. The Board consensus follows:

The issue of gifts is addressed in the Code of Ethics statute and specifically identified as a key principle in the Code of Ethics statement. It reads as follows: "No official or employee shall ask for or accept anything from any source which may tend to impair his/her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his/her official duties."

The first question you must ask when making a decision about your personal behavior or actions is not just 'is it legal?' but 'is it right?'

Recognizing the acceptance of gifts of any value at any time will always risk creating the perception of inappropriate behavior, our suggestion has been and continues to be "Just say no. Don't do it".

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE

Motion by Smith to appoint Thomas Horton as Alternate Board member. Seconded by Neuens and carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held October 22, 2002 at 11 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Smith at 11:13 a.m. Seconded by Neuens and carried unanimously.