

The City of Harrah invited and encouraged all interested citizens and other interested parties to attend a Public Hearing held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Harrah City Hall located at 19625 NE 23rd Street, Harrah Oklahoma 73045.

The purpose of the public hearing was to gain public input to use in compiling a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application for a 50/50 grant through Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. An article was published on the front page of the Friday Gazette, a locally distributed publication, on January 7, 2011 to notify the public of the intended hearing and the purpose of the hearing. Public Hearing notices were also posted in public view at the following locations:

**Country Boy Market, SE 29th & Harrah Rd.
United State Post Office – Harrah, OK 73045
Bancfirst – Harrah Branch – 23rd & Dobbs
Harrah Police Department, 1900 N. Church Ave.
Harrah City Hall, 19625 NE 23rd Street**

The attached sign in sheet is an accounting of those who were in attendance. City Manager Earl Burson opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Attendees were asked to share their ideas for recreation and tourism public improvements that will benefit the Harrah community.

Below are the questions/comments made by those in attendance:

- **If a splash pad is decided on, will it be only the pad or will it also have various toys?**
- **A splash pad would be a wonderful idea.**
- **“We currently use the splash pads in Choctaw and Oklahoma City. If there was one here we would stay in Harrah”.**
- **“We also drive out of Harrah to enjoy another city’s water recreation”.**
- **Grant money would definitely be a plus.**
- **“A splash park has been talked about for years; I’d like to see it happen”.**
- **We need something for our kids to do.**
- **A swimming pool would be nice but it would be more costly with the upkeep, having to hire lifeguards and the regulations are overwhelming.**
- **Day Cares that use the park daily have asked when we will be getting a splash park.**
- **Swimming pools have too much upkeep.**
- **People from other communities bring their families to Heritage Park because it is a great park but they would like to see some type of water activity.**
- **There is a tremendous amount of local support for a splash park.**
- **Citizens & volunteers will have a stake in the improvements.**
- **We have a shortage of things to do in Harrah; this would definitely be a benefit to the community.**
- **Will there be an age limit if a splash park in part of this project?**
- **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are always looking for fun activities and at the present time they have to go to other communities for most activities.**
- **If Harrah has attractions to draw people to the area, it will definitely increase the sales tax base, thus creating funds for even more recreational improvements.**
- **If a splash pad is built, will it be ADA compliant?**
- **“I’d prefer a splash park over a skate park”.**

The public hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____ Deborah Miner, City Clerk, Harrah Oklahoma