

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005
6:30 PM

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 PM at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 717 West Main Street, Arlington, Texas on March 14, 2005, notice of said meeting being posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, V.T.C.A., Government Code, with the following members and staff present, to wit:

Members:

Mrs. Sue Phillips	Chair	Place 3
Mr. Alvin Warren	Vice-Chair	Place 4
Mr. Charley Amos	Member	Place 6
Ms. Candace Halliburton - absent	Member	Place 11
Mr. Joseph Way - absent	Member	Place 10
Mr. Val Gibson	Member	Place 1
Mr. James Maibach - absent	Member	Place 7
Mr. Glenn Troutman	Member	Place 9
Mrs. Caron Montgomery	Member	Place 5
Ms. Laura Capik - absent	Member	Place 2
Mr. Jowel Rodriguez	Youth Member	

Staff:

Jennifer Fadden	Assistant Director - PARD
Jennifer Chadwell	Administrative Assistant to the Director
Matt Young	Assistant Director – PARD
De’Onna Garner	Park Planner

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairwoman Sue Phillips called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

II. FEBRUARY 14, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairwoman Phillips asked for approval of the minutes. Mrs. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2005 board meeting and Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. RECOGNITION

- postponed until April Board meeting

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. **Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action)** - None

b. **Items for Action** - None

V. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Stephanie Wolfe, Arlington resident, expressed to the Board her concerns about fishing in City of Arlington ponds. Ms. Wolfe provided an array of fishing lures and tackle found at Randol Mill Park pond and asked the Board to consider making fishing at local ponds illegal. Mrs. Phillips asked Mr. Amos and Mrs. Montgomery to organize a joint meeting between the Maintenance and Operations Committee and the Planning and Policies Committee to further discuss this issue.

VI. SCHEDULED INFORMATION REPORTS

a. **Customer Service Report** – Mrs. Montgomery inquired as to donations to the City to remove

grapevines from Kelley Park. Mr. Young informed her that a contractor will be removing these grapevines and has been told only to remove that which is necessary, leaving needed vegetation for wildlife. Mr. Gibson asked for clarification on the refund request issue. Ms. Fadden explained that this instance was due to an error, but that a refund process is in place. Mr. Gibson also asked what can be done about the continuous vandalism on the Metrovest extension of River Legacy Park. Mr. Young has met with the Arlington Police Department on this issue and current measures are being taken to discourage vandalism in this location. Mrs. Phillips would like to know how much vandalism equates to the cost of police patrol in our parks. Mr. Troutman informed staff that the Kelley Park sign on Arkansas Lane is not easily visible from the road. Ms. Garner, Park Planner, stated that she would research the matter.

- b. Status of Projects in the Bond Election Update – Ms. Garner provided the Board with a presentation which included signage and shade structure installations at Harold Patterson Sports Complex, a native reforestation project at Johnson Creek Linear Park, a sprayground and playground installation at Don Misenhimer Park, a new roof for the Cravens Park concession building and the River Legacy pavilion, a fishing dock and pond excavation at Gene Schrickel Park, and new concession, fencing, and lighted areas at J.W. Dunlop and Randol Mill Parks. Ms. Garner also provided information on new digital park signage and explained its 20 year warranty.
- c. Monthly Calendar – No discussion

VII. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Cell Towers Update – Ms. Garner provided a slideshow presentation which showed the cell towers at Randol Mill Park. These towers blend in very discreetly with the light fixtures in the park. Another tower has been placed at Cravens Park. Ms. Garner also explained that the Parks and Recreation Department will be using provided cell tower funds to update and replace old bridges at Randol Mill Park.
- b. FY 2006 Budget Update – Ms. Fadden provided the Board with a handout detailing General and Performance Fund FY06 budget requests. Included in the handout were requests for contractual service increases, utility and MROW adjustments, program enhancements to increase service levels, budgeting for terminal pay for retirees, and moving of Aquatics to the General Fund. Ms. Fadden reminded the Board of the department deadline of March 28, 2005 for submittal and the final submittal to Council on June 14, 2005. Mr. Troutman asked how the Parks and Recreation Department is doing this year versus last year in regards to our budget. Ms. Fadden stated that we are \$200K under budget appropriation.
- c. TPRA and LWCF Grant Funding – Ms. Garner provided the Board with an update on the Texas Parks and Recreation account and provided the Board with a copy of the petition. Ms. Garner also explained that the sporting goods sales tax will be providing \$15.5 million income towards acquisition and development of parks. The 78th legislature reduced park funding by \$7.4 million. The 79th legislature is calling for a 5% reduction. Mr. Warren stated that any current grants will not be affected by this legislature. Mrs. Montgomery asked what the voting deadline for this legislature is. Ms. Garner stated she would provide this information to the Board after further researching the matter.

VIII. PARB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Policies – Caron Montgomery, Chair

Mrs. Montgomery announced that the committee met last week to review the updated draft for park reservation policies. Mrs. Montgomery also announced the second meeting of the Planning and Policies Committee on April 4, 2005 for finalization and presentation at the April Board meeting.

Acquisition and Development – Alvin Warren, Chair

No discussion.

Operations and Maintenance – Charley Amos, Chair

No discussion.

IX. ITEMS FROM PARB MEMBERS

- a. Reports from Liaisons to Advisory Boards – No discussion
- b. Reports from Liaisons to Organizations – No discussion
- c. Board Members
 - 1) Linking with Organizations – No discussion
- d. Announcements – Mr. Young informed the Board of a local business interested in establishing a bicycle rental business in River Legacy Park. Mrs. Phillips requested a meeting be set with Mr. Amos and the Operations Committee to further discuss the matter.
- e. Chair – Mrs. Phillips announced that the Executive Committee met on Monday, February 28, 2005. Mrs. Phillips also informed Mr. Rodriguez that she would like more input from a youth perspective. Mr. Rodriguez was requested to approach Mr. Warren with any future youth issues as Mr. Warren will act as a youth mentor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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