

MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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 June 13, 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	Member	Place 11
Mr. Joseph Way – arrived at 6:50 PM	Member	Place 10
Mr. Val Gibson	Member	Place 1
Mr. James Maibach	Member	Place 7
Mr. Glenn Troutman	Member	Place 9
Mrs. Caron Montgomery	Member	Place 5
Ms. Laura Capik	Member	Place 2
Mr. Jowel Rodriguez	Youth Member	

**Staff:**

Pete Jamieson	Director of Parks & Recreation
Jennifer Chadwell	Administrative Assistant to the Director
Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director - PARD
Matt Young	Assistant Director – PARD
Diana Foster	Park Facilities Coordinator
Joe Pack	Park Planner
Stacy Baldwin	Urban Forestry Land Manager
Median and Rights-of-Way Crew	

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Sue Phillips called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

**II. MAY 9, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chairwoman Phillips asked for approval of the minutes. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2005 board meeting and Mrs. Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. RECOGNITION – Parks and Recreation Spot Light Employee**

Matt Young introduced Stacy Baldwin, Urban Forestry Land Manager, and the Median and Rights-of-Way staff. Ms. Baldwin presented a brief slideshow and overview of MROW projects, work areas, and accomplishments to the Board.

**IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action) -**

**Items for Action**

- i. Park Permits – Ms. Foster presented the Board with 36 permits for approval. Ms. Foster also pointed out two corrections on the park permitting approval forms. The first correction, listed on page 5, for the Employee Appreciation Event should have a band type amplifier listed. The second correction on page seven should have an event date of June 23, 2005. Mr.

Troutman asked if the current permits reflected our new fee structure. Ms. Foster stated that they did. Mr. Amos made the motion to approve the permits. Ms. Capik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

Chairwoman Sue Phillips introduced Dale Attebery, 2115 Kent Dr., Arlington, who spoke on the Harold Patterson Sports Complex development. Mr. Attebery asked that the Board consider leasing the land instead of selling this property to allow the land to retain its aesthetic and monetary value.

Bonnie Bowman with Responsible Unleashed Fun for Fido (RUFF), 1601 University Dr., Arlington, informed the Board of the new proposed location of Vandergriff Park for the October 22, 2005 Barks for Parks event. This year's event will host a large dog off-leash area separate from the small dog off-leash area. Ms. Bowman will seek the Board's approval for the proposed Barks for Parks event at the July 11, 2005 Park Board meeting.

## **VI. SCHEDULED INFORMATION REPORTS**

- a. Customer Comment Report – Ms. Capik inquired about individuals using our parks all day long. Ms. Capik cited examples such as individuals who park at the Cliff Nelson Recreation Center and do not leave until late night. Mr. Jamieson informed Ms. Capik that there is currently a committee looking into day labor and homeless issues and that the City currently does not have a loitering ordinance. Mr. Gibson asked Mr. Jamieson to update the Board on the status of these committee meetings at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Troutman asked if there had been a re-inspection of Crystal Canyon Park due to litter and debris left by the homeless before the last clean-up. Mr. Jamieson stated that park staff will make a commitment to walk this area more frequently. Mr. Way suggested that Mr. Jamieson have the Arlington Human Services Planners group attend future committee meetings and utilize their resources.

Mr. Gibson commented on the FY04 vs. FY05 numbers and the increase in facility issues. Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that we are conducting more surveys and upholding more stringent facility maintenance standards. Mr. Troutman stated that he would like to see more information on where these types of issues originate and specific locations affected.

## **VII. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Harold Patterson Commercial Development Project – Mr. Jamieson announced a mid-July 2005 RFP deadline date for Harold Patterson development proposals. Mr. Jamieson informed the Board of bidder concerns with the new median development proposals on Cooper Street. Fire station #9 just north of the Patterson development property is proposed to have a median cut. The Fire Department is considering movement of this facility to a new location.
- b. Meadowbrook Sculpture Garden Event – June 24, 2005 – Mr. Jamieson announced the unveiling of Arlington's first sculpture garden piece on June 24, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at Meadowbrook Park.
- c. Recognition and Celebration Reception – Mr. Jamieson reminded the Board of the June 23, 2005 Park Bond Committee celebration at 6:00 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Park pavilion.
- d. FY06 Budget Update - Mr. Gilmore distributed a packet of information outlining the authorized work force and revenue and expenditure history of the general and performance funds since 2001. Mr. Gibson stated how much he appreciated this report and the way it breaks down detailed information.
- e. 2005 Park Bond Schedule Update – Mr. Pack distributed a handout reflecting eight completed Bond projects and 9 sales. Future projects included Dixon Holman and Fish Creek neighborhood park development, acquisition of Six Flags, Village Creek, and Rush Creek neighborhood parks, and Phase II construction projects for Allan Saxe, Meadowbrook, and Jake Langston parks in FY06. Ms. Halliburton asked why the FY06 projects reflected a lower number than the FY05 projects. Mr. Jamieson stated that we moved a significant amount of funds due to the Southwest Nature Preserve acquisition this year. Other departments had to defer projects to move a total of

approximately \$2.7 million in funds to FY05. Staff also had to leverage funds in FY04 which reflected a smaller program in FY06. Mr. Way inquired as to when the Lake Arlington Golf Course would receive necessary upgrades. Mr. Jamieson informed the Board of the priority of greens restoration at Lake Arlington Golf Course and the use of approximately \$50K in revenue from a proposed gas line construction agreement for improvements to the tournament pavilion. Ms. Capik asked if staff could place the Bond project information on the City website. Mr. Jamieson stated he would look into this. Ms. Halliburton asked if citizens have input if bond funds are transferred between projects. Mr. Jamieson stated that any significant changes are always proposed to the Board.

- f. Proposed Location for 2005 Barks for Parks Event at Vandergriff Ballfields – Parks Planning staff proposed the Vandergriff Park ball fields as the new location for Barks for Parks with the understanding that R.U.F.F. will clean the ball fields after the event. Ms. Bowman stated that SE Arlington Branch Library did not provide enough parking for the amount of people who showed up for the event. R.U.F.F. requested a vote from the Board on the use of Vandergriff Park ball fields as soon as possible. Mrs. Phillips expects the Board to take action on this item at the July 2005 Board meeting.

## **VIII. PARB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Planning and Policies – Caron Montgomery, Chair

No discussion.

### Acquisition and Development – Alvin Warren, Chair

The Acquisition and Development Committee met on May 25, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2005 Park Bond Schedule update. All members were present. Members discussed the bond package and reviewed what was left of the 1997 Bond package.

### Operations and Maintenance – Charley Amos, Chair

No discussion.

## **IX. ITEMS FROM PARB MEMBERS**

Reports from Liaisons to Advisory Boards – No discussion

Reports from Liaisons to Organizations – No discussion

### Board Members

- a) Linking with Organizations – No discussion

Announcements – Mr. Jamieson reminded the Board that the July 11, 2005 Board reception will start at 5:30 PM with the location being 717 W Main Street.

Chair – Mrs. Phillips thanked the Board for all their hard work and dedication during her term as Board Chairwoman.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Val Gibson, PARB Chair

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