

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006
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 13, 2006, 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:

Mr. Val Gibson	Chair	Place 8
Mr. Alvin Warren	Vice-Chair	Place 1
Mr. Charley Amos	Member	Place 2
Ms. Candace Halliburton	Member	Place 5
Mr. Joseph Way - absent	Member	Place 7
Mr. James Maibach - absent	Member	Place 4
Mr. Glenn Troutman	Member	Place 9
Ms. Caron Montgomery	Member	Place 3
Ms. Laura Capik	Member	Place 6
Mr. Gabriel Rivas - absent	Youth Member	Place 10

Staff:

Pete Jamieson	Director – PARD
Jennifer Chadwell	Administrative Assistant to the Director
Gordon Robertson	Parks Planning Manager - PARD
Oscar Carmona	Operations Superintendent - PARD
Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director - PARD
Whitney Graham	Dottie Lynn Facility Coordinator
Yvonne Rentschler	Center Programs Manager

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Val Gibson called the regular meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

II. FEBRUARY 13, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Gibson asked for approval of the minutes. Mr. Amos made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2006 board meeting. Ms. Capik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. RECOGNITION – SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

Mr. Gilmore introduced Ms. Whitney Graham, Dottie Lynn Facility Coordinator. Ms. Graham provided a brief work history and some information on her current job assignment.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action)

Items for Action

Park Permits – Ms. Capik would like to know why the two River Legacy Park – Legacy Pavilion rentals with amplified sound, are quoted only \$25 apart when one rental is for 100 people and the other is for 200. Mr. Carmona stated he would research this and provide the Board with this information. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve six park permit applications. Mrs. Montgomery seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Breast Cancer 3-Day Proposal – Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the request to host the Breast Cancer 3-Day at River Legacy Park provided that specific questions be answered for the Board in regards to event coordination, security, and damages. Mr. Amos seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 2.

V. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Mrs. Dolores Ways, President of the Senior Advisory Board, submitted a proposal to request a new 24 passenger bus or van for the Programming Division to be utilized for outings and trips. Mrs. Ways provided 300 signatures in support of this purchase.

VI. SCHEDULED INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. Customer Comment Report** – Mr. Carmona presented a report outlining customer comments from January 16, 2006 through February 15, 2006. The Board asked who the current trail steward was at Veterans Park. Mr. Carmona responded that there was currently no official trail steward, but that several individuals were put in contact with DORBA (Dallas Off Road Bike Association) to volunteer for trail maintenance and deter unauthorized biking at the park.
- b. Program Financial Performance Report** – Mr. Gilmore presented a report providing information about various revenue producing programs and services in the department. Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Jamieson requested that this report be presented quarterly instead of monthly at future Board meetings. The Board stated that quarterly reports would suffice.
- c. Park Planning Projects** – Mr. Robertson presented a report regarding park planning projects underway and highlighted such events as the Johnson Creek nature area, the dam issue in South Arlington, and the proposed cell phone tower. Mr. Jamieson provided the Board with a brief synopsis of his Johnson Creek presentation to Council and advised the Board that Mark O’Leary would be presenting a more in-depth presentation at the April Board meeting pending Mr. O’Leary’s scheduling. Mr. Robertson informed the Board that there was severe erosion at one of the dams in South Arlington which could possibly endanger homeowners who live in the floodplain. Mr. Robertson discussed measures taken to reinforce the dam structure and notify homeowners. Mr. Robertson also advised the Board that construction of a new Cingular tower has been proposed for J.W. Dunlop Park.

VII. PARD INFORMATION REPORTS

- a. FY 2007 Budget Update** – Mr. Gilmore presented a report providing information about Park Operation and Community Enterprise FY07 budget requests for multi-city projects.
- b. Mary and Jimmy Hooper** – Mr. Robertson provided the Board with a map detailing construction plans for a new church facility to be located in the west corner of the park.
- c. Natural Gas Lease Revenues** – Mr. Robertson provided the Board with details of a lease package affecting both River Legacy and Village Creek parks. Details of the lease included leasing of parkland, construction, and a 30-day noise period.

VIII. PARB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Policies – Glenn Troutman, Chair
No discussion.

Acquisition and Development – Caron Montgomery, Chair
No discussion.

Operations and Maintenance – Alvin Warren, 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

Chair – Mr. Gibson reminded the Board of the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on March 27, 2006 in the Parks Board Room to revise the Parks Chapter of the City's Code of Ordinances.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Val Gibson, PARB Chair

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