

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 717 West Main Street, Arlington, Texas on November 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
Ms. Caron Montgomery	Vice-Chair	Place 3
Mr. Justin Martinez	Member	Place 1
Ms. Candace Halliburton	Member	Place 5
Mr. Joseph Way - absent	Member	Place 7
Mr. James Maibach	Member	Place 4
Mr. Glenn Troutman	Member	Place 9
Ms. Lynn Healy	Member	Place 2
Ms. Laura Capik	Member	Place 6
Mr. Alex English – arrived at 6:36 p.m.	Youth Member	Place 10

Staff:

Pete Jamieson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Matt Young	Assistant Director – PARD
Jay Jacobs	Assistant Director - PARD
Gordon Robertson	Parks Planning Manager
Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director – PARD
Terri Lynch	Accounting Aide - PARD

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Val Gibson called the Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. OCTOBER 9, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Gibson asked for approval of the minutes. Ms. Halliburton made a motion to correct her name on page two in paragraph IV. Mr. Maibach made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections of the October 9, 2006 Board meeting. Ms. Capik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Citizen Ed Pfschadda asked the Parks and Recreation Department and Park Board to consider purchasing property located along Green Oaks Blvd north of I-30 along Village Creek. The property has been for sale for quite some time.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action)

Sue Phillips and Ben Pate of East Arlington Renewal asked the Board to consider changing the closing time of Carl Knox Jr. Park to from midnight to 10:00 p.m. for the safety and security of the nearby residents and from further vandalism to the park.

Items for Action

Park Permits – Mr. Young provided the Board with a summary of park rental information. Ms. Montgomery made the motion to approve the park permits. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Knox Jr. Park Closing Hours – Mr. Young briefed the Board regarding a request from East Arlington Renewal to close the park earlier (from midnight to 10 PM) to help curb vandalism and illicit activity in the park. Mr. Young stated that the Director of Parks and Recreation had the authority to temporarily change the hours without changing the ordinance for safety and security concerns. Ms. Halliburton made a motion to approve. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

December 2006 Park Board Meeting Date Discussion – Mr. Gibson requested that the Board meet in December to review a total of --- Park Partnership applications. Mr. Gibson recommended that the Board meet on December 11, 2006. Mr. Maibach made a motion to approve. Ms. Capik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

March 2007 Park Board Meeting Date Discussion – Mr. Gibson requested that a new meeting date be set for March 2007. Mr. Gibson asked that the Board approve March 20, 2007 as the new meeting date. Mr. Maibach made a motion to approve the fee structure. Mr. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PARB INFORMATION ITEMS(for discussion)

Park Partnership Matching Grants – Mr. Robertson provided information regarding scoring criteria for reviewing the Park Partnership applications. He went on to say that Board members would receive an electronic copy of the scoring sheet along with staff's scoring sheet prior to the December 11 Board meeting. The Board will review nine applications during the December Board meeting.

NeighborWood/Tree Program – Mr. Young provided information to the Board regarding implementation of the NeighborWood program to foster Urban Beautification by involving citizens in planting trees in targeted areas of the City. Residents who participated in the program would be required to commit to a two year agreement for the maintenance and care of the newly planted trees. Mr. Gibson will appoint (how many?) Board members to serve on the "Tree Board" at the January 2007 meeting.

Tomorrow Fund – Mr. Jamieson provided information regarding the City's newest initiative for promoting quality of life, lasting enhancements, and addressing community needs. Mr. Jamieson presented information as to how the funds are generated, creating the financial resources necessary to fund the program.

Treepoint Park Update – Mr. Robertson provided information regarding the recent acquisition of 14 acres of the Treepoint Park site located at (address). Mr. Robertson informed the Board that the Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of hiring a consultant to design a new drainage feature at the southern end of the property consisting of approximately two acres.

2007 Work Plan – Mr. Jamieson provided information regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's fiscal year 2007 Performance Work Plan. Mr. Jamieson briefly discussed some of the department's priorities.

VI. PARB Committees

Planning and Policies – Joe Way, Chair
No discussion.

Acquisition and Development – Caron Montgomery, Chair
Ms. Montgomery reminded the Board of the Park Master Plan meeting set for Monday, November 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Operations and Maintenance – Glenn Troutman, Chair

Mr. Troutman informed the Board that no meetings for his committee would be scheduled until after the first of the New Year.

VII. REQUESTED INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (for distribution)

Staff distributed informational reports to the Board. No discussion was necessary.

VIII. ITEMS FROM PARB MEMBERS

Board Members – Mr. Maibach commented on the October 2006 Breast Cancer Walk that was held in the Metroplex. Mr. Maibach said he felt that the use of River Legacy Park as an overnight campsite had a positive impact on Arlington's economy.

Board Members – Mr. Troutman commented on the recent cross country tournament that was held in Veterans Park and how it had a positive impact on Arlington's economy.

Board Members – Ms. Capik reported on the recent ASC meeting. Ms. Capik stated that the turn out was good and that the Field Enhancement Fund was approved.

Chair – Mr. Gibson reminded the Board that he would appointment members to the "Tree Board" at the January 2007 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Val Gibson, PARB Chair

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