

MINUTES  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office located at 717 West Main Street, Arlington, Texas on September 10, 2007, 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 - absent	Chair	Place 9
Mr. Mark James	Member	Place 3
Mr. Justin Martinez	Member	Place 1
Ms. Sue Phillips	Member	Place 5
Mr. Gene Gehring	Member	Place 4
Mr. Patrick Wyatt - absent	Member	Place 8
Ms. Lynn Healy	Member	Place 2
Ms. Laura Capik	Vice-Chair	Place 6
Ms. Lanora Wright	Member	Place 7
Mr. Benjamin Bates	Youth Member	Place 10

**Staff:**

Pete Jamieson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Matt Young	Assistant Director - PARD
Shannon Rudiger	Acting Assistant Director - PARD
Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director - PARD
Jennifer Chadwell	Assistant to the Director
Maria Campbell	Aquatics Manager
Cameron Crump	Lifeguard

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairwoman Laura Capik called the Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13, 2007 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Chairwoman Capik asked for approval of the August 13, 2007 Park Board minutes. Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve. Mr. Bates seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. RECOGNITION**

Ms. Campbell introduced Cameron Crump, Lifeguard. Ms. Campbell presented Mr. Crump with a plaque recognizing his bravery in rescuing a child from drowning at the Bad Koenigshofen Family Aquatic Center on August 11, 2007.

**IV. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS**

N/A

**V. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

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

N/A

## **Items for Action**

Park Permits – Mr. Young provided the Board with the park permit report. Mr. Gehring motioned to approve the park permit requests. Mr. James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Harold Patterson Commercial Development Variances – Mr. Mojoy Haddad with CHS Architects presented the Board with four commercial development variance requests for the Harold Patterson Sports Center Commercial Development project. These variances included utilizing iron fencing instead of wood fencing, set back buffers and waivers and grading variances. Mr. Bates asked how tall the proposed retaining wall on the east side of the property would be. Mr. Haddad replied that it would be approximately seven to 10 feet tall depending on the final grading plan. Mr. James stated that the Acquisitions and Development committee would like a minimum 30 foot variance for aesthetic value and voted in favor of the four variance changes. Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve the four zoning variance requests. Mr. Bates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS(for discussion)**

Harold Patterson Commercial Development Update – Board members discussed in the Harold Patterson Commercial Development Variances update.

River Legacy Security Update– Mr. Young provided the Board with a security update on River Legacy Parks citing 27 vehicular burglaries from January through September. Parks staff is currently working with the Arlington Police Department to increase security during peak burglary times. APD also plans on altering their staffing patterns to address these incidents.

Arlington Tomorrow Fund Projects– Mr. Young updated the Board on the Arlington Tomorrow Fund projects which included \$325,000 in grant submissions due in October. Letters of intent will be due on September 24, 2007. The Department is applying for an NFL grant for artificial turf which is due in November. Mr. Bates asked if this grant would be applied to soccer or youth fields. Mr. Young stated that the grant would be utilized for a dual-purpose championship field.

## **VII. PARB Committees**

### Planning and Policies – Lynn Healy, Chair

Aquatic Facility Use Policies- Ms. Healy reported out on the committee meeting and distributed minutes. The committee will meet twice more in October. Ms. Capik asked Ms. Healy to inform the board of the committee meetings. Ms. Wright stated that the overall aquatics policy needed revamping and strengthening. Ms. Wright offered to assist in rewriting current policies and complimented aquatics staff for their hard work and dedication.

### Acquisition and Development – Laura Capik, Chair

Harold Patterson Sports Complex Commercial Development Plan – Mr. James reported out on the September 4, 2007 committee meeting.

### Operations and Maintenance – Justin Martinez, Chair

N/A

## **VIII. REQUESTED INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (for distribution)**

Staff distributed informational reports to the Board. There was no discussion.

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

Board Members – Ms. Capik asked how the needs assessment focus groups were going. Ms. Rudiger and Mr. Jamieson indicated the focus group and public meeting process went well during the week of September 4. Ms. Capik asked staff to provide a summary of findings at the November 12 board meeting. Mr. Young informed the Board of a possible park tour date of October 6, 2007

and he will be provide any necessary scheduling updates for the tour.

Chair – N/A

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Val Gibson, PARB Chair

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