

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

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 January 8, 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	Chair	Place 8
Ms. Caron Montgomery	Vice-Chair	Place 3
Mr. Justin Martinez	Member	Place 1
Ms. Candace Halliburton left early at 9:24 p.m.	Member	Place 5
Mr. Joseph Way	Member	Place 7
Mr. James Maibach	Member	Place 4
Mr. Glenn Troutman	Member	Place 9
Ms. Lynn Healy	Member	Place 2
Ms. Laura Capik – left early at 8:35 p.m.	Member	Place 6
Mr. Alex English	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 6:36 p.m.

II. DECEMBER 4, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Gibson asked for approval of the minutes. Ms. Capik made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006, Board meeting. Mr. Way seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. RECOGNITION

Wendy Parker introduced Tim Baggett, Adult Sports Manager. Mr. Baggett provided a summary of his work experience and his current responsibilities with the Athletics Division.

IV. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

No discussion

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE PARK BOARD

Discussion of matters permitted by the following session of V.T.C.A. Government Code, Chapter 551: Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property

- a. The Board went into an Executive Session at 6:42 PM and deliberated real-estate as relevant to the Harold Patterson Sports Complex.

VI. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action)

No discussion

Items for Action

Park Closing Hours – Mr. Young discussed proposed changes to the Parks Chapter of the City Code recommending that curfew hours be determined by park category, i.e. linear, community or neighborhood. Mr. Young stated that the ordinance language was in the City Attorney's office for review. Ms. Healy made the motion to approve the park curfew recommendations. Ms. Capik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HPSC Commercial Development – Mr. Robertson informed the Board that the Southwest Nature Preserve property would be used as a comparable replacement for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TWPD) land requirement at Harold Patterson Sports Complex that is being sold for commercial development. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve. Mr. Maibach seconded the motion. Ms. Capik abstained. The motion carried.

VII. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS(for discussion)

Johnson Creek Preliminary Design – Mr. Jamieson introduced Mark O'Leary and Kara Miller of Applied Ecological Service, Inc. Mr. O'Leary presented the conservation plan for Johnson Creek that will be presented at a public meeting scheduled for January 9, 2007.

100 Best Communities Presentation – Mr. Jacobs presented information on the 100 Best Communities Program that recognizes communities for being youth oriented and provides grants for continued programming of youth activities. Mr. Jacobs advised the Board that the Parks and Recreation Department would submit an application in September 2007. Mr. Gibson asked the Board for a volunteer to sit on the committee. Mr. Maibach stated that he would serve on the committee if needed.

Smoking Ordinance – Mr. Young informed the Board that the proposed smoking section in the Parks Chapter will be merged into the overall City Smoking Ordinance. The language will also expand the no smoking zone for public entries and seating areas from 20 feet to 50 feet.

FY07 Field Enhancement Fund – Mr. Young provided an update of the FY2007 Field Enhancement Budget, including scheduled projects and the current fund balance.

Arlington Tree Board – Mr. Young discussed a change to Park Ordinance 2.04 that details that the Parks and Recreation Department will write program guidelines for the Tree Board and the Park Board will have oversight and approval authorities. Mr. Gibson suggested that the Tree Board should be a separate board.

Update on Gas Drilling at Lake Arlington Golf Course – Mr. Jacobs updated the Board on gas drilling at the Lake Arlington Golf Course and the new raw water line that is soon to be installed. The drilling and water line projects will be done while the course is closed for renovations of the greens to minimize any impact to end users.

Update for Park Partnership Grant Program – Mr. Robertson updated the Board on the City Council's approval of all nine project proposals. Six projects will begin this fiscal year and the remaining three projects will receive funding in FY 2008.

VIII. PARB Committees

Planning and Policies – Joe Way, Chair

Mr. Way will set a second meeting to discuss security in the parks.

Acquisition and Development – Caron Montgomery, Chair

Ms. Montgomery stated that a new meeting date would be set soon.

Operations and Maintenance – Glenn Troutman, Chair

Mr. Troutman informed the Board that he has asked the Parks and Recreation Department staff to advertise a "Request for Proposal" for pouring rights in park facilities.

IX. REQUESTED INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (for distribution)

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

X. ITEMS FROM PARB MEMBERS

Board Members – No discussion

Chair – Mr. Gibson requested a copy of the December minutes to sign. Mr. Gibson also requested copies of the Parks and Recreation Department calendar and Bond Update spreadsheet.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Val Gibson, PARB Chair

NOTE: Taped recordings and minutes of all Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings are a matter of public record and are kept on file in the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, 717 W. Main Street, Arlington, TX. Any Board member or interested party has the right to review these tapes and minutes at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office.

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