

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 13, 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 August 13, 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 9
Mr. Mark James	Member	Place 3
Mr. Justin Martinez -absent	Member	Place 1
Ms. Sue Phillips	Member	Place 5
Mr. Gene Gehring	Member	Place 4
Mr. Patrick Wyatt	Member	Place 8
Ms. Lynn Healy	Member	Place 2
Ms. Laura Capik -absent	Member	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
Jay Jacobs	Assistant Director - PARD
Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director - PARD
Jennifer Chadwell	Assistant to the Director
Jay Falgout	Parks Asset Manager
Michael Debrecht	Lake Arlington Supervisor

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Val Gibson called the Board Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2007 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Gibson asked for approval of the July 9, 2007 Park Board minutes. Ms. Capik made a motion to approve. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. RECOGNITION

Mr. Falgout introduced Michael Debrecht, Lake Arlington Supervisor. Mr. Debrecht provided a summary of his work history and an overview of his job responsibilities.

IV. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Don Duvall with the Texas Iron Benders asked the Board if the association could use Vandergriff Park for the 2008 state tournament. Mr. Duvall also asked the Board to reconsider removal of the horseshoe pits at Meadowbrook Park.

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. Ms. Phillips motioned to approve the park permit requests. Ms. Healy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Harold Patterson Sports Center Master Plan – Mr. Phillip Neely, with Carter and Burgess, provided the Board with a power point presentation about proposed development for the Harold Patterson Sports Center including parking, field layout, civic space and playgrounds. Ms. Garner stated that staff presented the plan to Mojoy Haddad to ensure that the proposed master plan is a good fit for his development. Mr. Jamieson asked how many parking spaces there would be. Mr. Neely informed the Board that there would be 2,200. Mr. Gibson asked what prompted the master plan and where the funding was coming from. Ms. Garner stated that this plan had been in the works for a long time and that staff wishes to reinvent the sports center and make it a focal point of the community. Staff estimates this to be a 20-year program and estimates costs to range from 20 to 25 million dollars with some funding coming from bond money. Staff will also apply for an artificial turf grant to assist with funding. Mr. Wyatt would like Carter and Burgess to tie in the new Cowboys stadium with the Rangers Ballpark theme to make the sports feel authentic. Mr. Young informed the Board that the new facility would be gated with security gates. Mr. Wyatt made a motion to approve the Harold Patterson Sports Center Master Plan. Ms. Capik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Elections – Mr. Gibson called for a ballot vote for nominations for the Park Board vice chair. Votes were taken and tallied. Ms. Capik was voted vice chair.

VI. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS(for discussion)

Arlington Iron Benders – Mr. Carmona provided the Board with an update on the Arlington Iron Benders and his correspondence with Don Duvall. Mr. Carmona informed the Board how much relocation of the courts to Vandergriff Park would cost. Staff estimates entire relocation to cost \$230,000. Mr. Carmona will provide Mr. Duvall with information on applying for a tomorrow fund grant. The Board suggested usage of the parking lot at Vandergriff Park and establishment of a partnership for funding opportunities.

Gas Revenue Allocation – Mr. Young provided the Board with a presentation on gas revenue allocation. The presentation clarified funding from the lease bonus revenue and royalty revenue. Mr. Young's presentation highlighted funding allocation, revenue summaries, grant money opportunities and the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation. Mr. Young will provide the Board with a tentative grant application list at the September meeting.

FY2008 Budget Update – Mr. Gilmore updated the Board on the FY08 budget process including differences in the general and performance fund, budget considerations, municipal properties, new projects, park development fees, fleet vehicles and remaining target dates for the year. Mr. Gibson stated that he would like a detailed report of unfunded projects. Mr. Gilmore will email the Board this report.

Needs Assessment Update – Mr. Jacobs provided the Board with an update on the needs assessment. A steering committee has met two times and is working on benchmarking focus groups comprised of park users and non park users. There will be two public meetings conducted by Greenplay and several focus groups. The first set of focus groups will be scheduled at the beginning of September.

Park Partnership Grants – Ms. Garner provided the Board with a handout detailing information about the funding of the park partnership projects and status updates for each project. All nine projects were funded. Mr. Young will provide an update and follow up at a future Board meeting.

VII. PARB Committees

Planning and Policies – Lynn Healy, Chair
N/A

Acquisition and Development – Laura Capik, Chair
N/A

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. Healy asked staff about a parks and facilities tour for the Board sometime in October. Mr. Young will contact Dan Dipert tours to arrange for a bus for such a tour on a Saturday morning.

Chair – N/A

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Val Gibson, PARB Chair

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