

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 11, 2008

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Arlington, Texas on August 11, 2008, 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:

Ms. Lynn Healy	Chair	Place 2
Mr. Mark James	Member	Place 3
Mr. Tony Powell	Member	Place 1
Ms. Sue Phillips	Member	Place 5
Mr. Gene Gehring	Member	Place 4
Mr. Patrick Wyatt	Member	Place 8
Mr. Glenn Troutman	Member	Place 6
Ms. Susan Eaves	Member	Place 9
Ms. Lanora Wright	Member	Place 7
(Vacant)	Youth Member	Place 10

Staff:

Pete Jamieson	Director - PARD
Matt Young	Assistant Director - PARD
Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director - PARD
De'Onna Garner	Planning Manager – PARD
Shannon Rudiger	Business Services Manager - PARD
Jennifer Chadwell	Assistant to the Director
Kurt Beilharz	Planning Project Manager

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairwoman Lynn Healy called the Board Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Healy asked for approval of the July 14, 2008 minutes. Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS (other than Items for Action)

N/A

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action)

N/A

Items for Action

a. Park Permits

Mr. Young provided the Board with the monthly park permit report. Mr. Troutman motioned to approve the park permit requests. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Rescheduling September Board Meeting

Mr. Troutman made a motion to reschedule the September Park Board meeting to September 9, 2008. Ms. Eaves seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c. O.S. Gray Master Plan

Mr. Beilharz presented the three final options for the O.S. Gray Master Plan. These were options A, B and C respectively. Options included information on caliper of trees affected by construction, neighborhood impacts and amenity placement. Ms. Wright reported out of the Planning and Policy Committee which supported option C as the best for all concerned parties.

Bonnie Bowman, former Vice President of the Arlington Conservation Council, spoke in favor of option C and stated that she would like to see a walkway along the North side of the park in the Master Plan.

Norwood Neighborhood Association officer, Nina McFarland, presented an article from 1966 detailing the historical ties to the O.S. Gray site and spoke in favor of Option A and C.

John Darling, President of the Arlington Conservation Council, spoke in favor of options A and C and stated that he would like staff to take the ACC into consideration during the design process.

Past President of the Arlington Conservation Council, Julia Burgen, spoke in favor of options A and C and stated that she would like staff to move the playground and pavilion a little to allow for natural tree line growth from the original nursery location.

Channing Park citizen Paula Harbor applauded staff for working so diligently at finding a suitable compromise and spoke in favor of option C.

Martha Walker, an area resident, asked staff to consider removing park parking to promote walking and biking to the park.

Ruby Woolridge, President of the Norwood Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of option C. Arlington resident

Kevin Donovan thanked staff and particularly Kurt Beilharz for all their hard work on this project. Mr. Donovan spoke in favor of options A and C.

Chairwoman Healy read the remaining comment cards. Ms. Phillips made a motion to approve Option C for the O.S Gray Master Plan. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Election of Board Vice Chair

Chairwoman Healy distributed voting ballots to the Board members to vote for a vice chair. Members voted in favor of Board member Sue Phillips, five to three. Ms. Phillips was appointed vice chair.

V. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS(for discussion)

Online Registration Update

Ms. Rudiger provided an update on marketing strategies for the online registration. These strategies included advertising on park publications, water bill inserts, the Parks and Recreation website and a stamp for parks department mailings.

GreenPlay Update

Mr. Packan provided a GreenPlay update including scheduling two meetings with the Park Board and a special meeting with City Council. Mr. Packan also distributed a timeline.

Meadowbrook Park Closing Hours

Mr. Young provided the Board with an update as to the change in closing time for Meadowbrook Park. This change will be temporary until traffic has subsided. Mr. Young also informed the Board of the placement of speed bumps at the Park entrance. Mr. Powell asked staff to provide a more detailed report as to cruising activity at this location.

Park Tour

Mr. Packan reminded the Board of the upcoming Parks Tour on September 27, 2008 at 8 a.m. The tour is expected to last until 2:30 p.m. Mr. Packan will be getting a final count for food and extending invitations to the City Manager's office, Mayor and Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau and Convention Center management.

Swimming Pool Update

Mr. Gilmore updated the Board on the super chlorination efforts for Arlington pools.

Ventana Grille Work Plan Update

Mr. Packan updated the Board on the Ventana Grill work plan. Future updates will include the ability to book tee times on-line. Mr. Packan also provided a financial history of the Ventana Grille.

VI. PARB Committees

Planning and Policies – Lynn Healy, Chair

Ms. Wright reported out of the committee on the O.S. Gray Master Plan and Helen Wessler Park neighborhood concerns. The committee is waiting on survey results from staff on the Helen Wessler Park concerns.

Acquisition and Development

N/A

Operations and Maintenance

N/A

VII. REQUESTED INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (for distribution)

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

VIII. ITEMS FROM PARB MEMBERS

Board Members

N/A

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Lynn Healy, PARB Chair

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