

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation Administration building at 717 West Main, Arlington, Texas on November 10, 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 – arrived 6:55 pm	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-absent	Member	Place 7
Mr. Eric Walker	Youth Member	Place 10

Staff:

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

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairwoman Lynn Healy called the Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Packan introduced staff members and thanked them for their hard work on the Lake Arlington Golf Course renovations.

III. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairwoman Healy asked for approval of the October 13, 2008 minutes. Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gehring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Don DeVaul and Bill Eagen with the Arlington Iron Benders Horseshoe Pitching Association approached the Board with their issues about Johnson Creek interfering with their current pitching stations at Meadowbrook Park and asked the Board to consider relocating their pitching stations to Vandergriff Park, expanding that facility. Mr. Jamieson explained the current Johnson Creek project and timeline. Mr. Jamieson asked Mr. Young to draft a letter to confirm the schedule for Johnson Creek, and provide information regarding the process for applying for grant funding from the Arlington Tomorrow Fund.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action)

N/A

b. Items for Action

i. Park Permits

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

ii. Cancellation of December Board Meeting

Ms. Healy called for a vote on canceling the December Park Board meeting due to the holidays. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the cancellation of the December Board meeting. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS (for discussion)

GreenPlay Update

Mr. Packan informed the Board that he would have the GreenPlay consultant rewrite the recent study they submitted. The study was not detailed enough and did not provide the type of information that staff had requested. Mr. Packan stated that he would email the table of contents to the Board.

2008 Bond Election

Mr. Young shared statistics and trends with the Board on a power point slideshow. Mr. Young will provide polling location graphs to the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Young for his hard work on gathering statistical data.

Johnson Creek Update

Ms. Garner presented the conceptual restoration plan to the Board. The plan includes construction of a weir, retaining walls, a gabion restrictor and other ongoing construction. The Board asked Ms. Garner to arrange a guided tour of the Johnson Creek area including the new Cowboys Stadium.

Treepoint Park Naming

Mr. Jamieson informed the Board that this item was still on the Council agenda but is currently tabled. Mr. Jamieson also informed the Board that AT&T is currently undecided. The Board would like to provide Council with alternative park sites for naming consideration.

Naturally Fun Neighborhoods

Mr. Packan updated the Board on cost estimates and budget information for the Naturally Fun Neighborhood events. Mr. Packan highlighted efforts to reduce spending while generating revenue. The department held 14 events this year. Upcoming events are being shared with the Boys and Girls Clubs, local schools, Funtimes subscribers and other park users.

Naturally Fun Passports

Mr. Packan informed the Board about the new Naturally Fun Passport initiative and provided concept ideas. Staff hopes to have the booklets printed by December. The cost per booklet is estimated at \$3.50.

VII. PARB COMMITTEES

Planning and Policy

N/A

Operations and Maintenance

N/A

AdHoc

2008 Bond Program Update

VIII. REQUESTED INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (for distribution)

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

IX. ITEMS FROM PARB MEMBERS

Mr. Wyatt asked staff to work with the Arlington Iron Benders and guide them through the grant application process. Mr. Wyatt also asked staff to provide Mr. DeVaul with Carolyn Mentasana's contact information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Lynn Healy, 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.