

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009

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 April 13, 2009, 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. Tony Powell	Member	Place 1 – absent
Mr. Mark James	Member	Place 3 - absent
Mr. Gene Gehring	Member	Place 4
Ms. Sue Phillips	Member	Place 5
Mr. Glenn Troutman	Member	Place 6
Ms. Lanora Wright	Member	Place 7 - absent
Mr. Patrick Wyatt	Member	Place 8
Ms. Susan Eaves	Member	Place 9
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
De'Onna Garner	Parks Planning Manager - PARD
Shannon Rudiger	Business Services Manager - PARD
Kelly Drawdy	Marketing Manager - PARD
Matt Churches	City Forester - PARD
Julie Hunt	Director - Water Utilities
Roger Venables	Real Estate Manager - Public Works
Stuart Young	Real Estate Representative - Public Works
Terri Lynch	Planning Accounting Aide - PARD

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairwoman Lynn Healy called the Board Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Packan introduced Matt Churches, City Forester, to the Board. Mr. Churches provided some of his personal background, as well as an overview of his current responsibilities and initiatives with the Forestry & Beautification Division.

III. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairwoman Healy asked for approval of the March 9, 2009 minutes. Ms. Eaves made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Concerned citizen, Ms. Geraldine Mills of Arlington Historical Society, presented the Board with information for the month of May as we celebrate "National Preservation Month". A ceremony to honor six of Arlington's early families will be held at Founders Plaza, 100 W Abram, on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. On May 31 at 2 p.m., the Historical Society will unveil a historical sign at Meadowbrook Park, 1300 Dugan. Ms. Mills encouraged members of the Board and Parks staff to attend.

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Comments from Citizens (about Items for Action)

N/A

b. Park Permits

Mr. Young reported on the park permits. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the permits. Mr. Gehring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Parks Chapter Revision/Tree Board

Mr. Packan presented the Board with the proposed changes to the Parks Chapter regarding the Tree Board. Mr. Troutman made a motion to approve the proposed changes. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. PARD INFORMATION ITEMS (for discussion)

Lake Arlington Water Levels/Reclaimed Water Project

Julie Hunt, Director of Water Utilities, presented information on Lake Arlington water levels, gas drilling water rates and reclaimed water use for the J.W. Dunlop Sports Center and C.W. Ditto Golf Course.

Proposed Natural Gas Alignments

Ms Garner introduced Mr. Roger Venables and Mr. Stuart Young, who presented information on the proposed gas distribution line alignments in Bob Cooke and Webb Community Parks. Mr. Venables also explained the reasons for use of license agreements versus the City issuing easements for gas drilling operations.

River Legacy Cell Tower Agreement

Mr. Young and Mr. Venables provided information to the Board regarding the cell tower agreement with Verizon for a cell tower on the grounds of the Living Science Center.

Harold Patterson Fire Station #9 Swap

Mr. Young provided information on the proposed land swap for Fire Station #9, currently located at 4929 South Cooper Street, which will be relocated to approximately 2 acres located in the far southeast portion of the Harold Patterson Sports Center on Wimbledon Drive.

Caleum Moor Project Update

Ms. Garner updated the Board on the current status of the re-construction of the Caleum Moor stones which is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2009.

Marrow Bone Springs Park Update

Ms. Garner updated the Board with on the status of the Marrow Bone Spring Park development project, which is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in June 2009.

VII. PARB COMMITTEES

Planning and Development

Nothing to report

Policies and Operations

Nothing to report

Facility Needs Assessment Ad-Hoc Committee

Mr. Troutman presented the Board with information regarding the status of the GreenPlay Indoor Space Needs Assessment report. Mr. Troutman's committee met on March 25, 2009 to review the findings, and their comments that will be sent to the consultant on or about April 14, 2009.

VIII. REQUESTED INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (for distribution)

Staff distributed several informational reports to the Board. Ms. Drawdy provided the Board with an update on current Marketing initiatives. No further discussion.

IX. ITEMS FROM PARB MEMBERS

- Mr. Troutman presented a challenge for all Board members to purchase a “Passport Arlington”.
- Board was reminded of the Elzie Odom 10th Anniversary Celebration on April 17, 2009, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Board was reminded of the Cardboard Boat Regatta on May 2, 2009, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Lynn Healy, PARB Chair

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