

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
FEBRUARY 9, 2004
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mrs. Beverly Page, Mr. Roger Brannan, Ms. Jean Darbyshire, Mr. Bruce McMillan, and Mr. Reed Scott. Mr. Randy Martin reported later to the meeting. Mrs. Marie Steichen was absent at this meeting. Also present at this meeting was Mr. Terry DeWeese, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; Mr. Dennis Drown, Park Supervisor; Mr. Larry Nicholson, Director of Douglass Center; Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor; and Mr. Joey Hulbert, Youth in Government Member.

Ms. Page called the meeting to order.

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It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Darbyshire to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 5, 2004. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. DeWeese introduced Mr. Dennis Drown, Park Supervisor, and Mr. Larry Nicholson, Director of Douglass Center, to the Board. Each Staff Member gave a brief explanation of their job duties. Discussion was held and questions were answered at that time.

Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor; Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; and Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; gave staff reports.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

Mr. DeWeese explained that the Board recommended setting a "vision" for the future at the January meeting. Mr. DeWeese stated that City Administration developed a priority list of items that have surfaced in the past, which are as follows:

1. "Quality of Life" assessment that will include a family recreation/aquatic center with Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices and other recreational needs of the community.
2. Renovation of existing pools to meet the needs of the community.
3. Renovation of the E.J. Frick Building into an education center.
4. Ball field light replacement at Griffith and Anneberg Parks and new lights at Eisenhower Baseball Complex and Anneberg Park.
5. Ticket booth, administrative offices, and gift shop at the entrance of the zoo.
6. Extension of the Linear Park Trail to complete the loop around the community.
7. Playground renovation at City, Don Harbour, and Goodnow Parks.
8. Complete the development of the Northeast Park Master Plan.
9. Restroom facilities at Longs and Goodnow Parks.
10. Development of the Master Plan at Fairmont Park.

The Board held discussion on safety items.

Mr. Scott left early due to prior commitments.

The Board suggested having the following categories: 1) new equipment and facilities; 2) maintain existing projects and equipment; 3) project and equipment replacement or to maintain for safety; and to have City Administration prioritize the items with dollar amounts.

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Mr. Martin and Mr. McMillan attended the Chamber Leadership Summit and gave the Board a summarization of the Summit. There were six priorities set for the future betterment of the community, which include: 1) downtown redevelopment; 2) affordable housing; 3) family/community aquatic center; 4) Fort Riley/airport expansion; 5) high tech jobs; and 6) K-18 and 177 roads.

Mr. Martin and Mr. McMillan stated that conversations concerning parks and recreation “quality of life” issues were very positive.

Discussion was held on having the Board create a Task Force to complete a community needs assessment. Discussion was also held on holding special meetings of the Board to keep the process moving.

Mr. Martin left early due to prior commitments.

The Board would appoint the Task Force; establish the parameters of the Task Force, and the number of Task Force Members. The Task Force would report to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board who would then develop a recommendation to the City Commission based upon the findings.

It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Darbyshire to recommend to the City Commission that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board develop a Task Force to complete a community needs assessment for the “quality of life” issues that are important to the community and report back to the City Commission with the findings. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mr. McMillan to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

Approved by Chairperson Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date