

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
APRIL 1, 2002
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Ms. Jean Darbyshire, Ms. Beverly Page, Mr. Roger Brannan, Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Reed Scott, and Mrs. Marie Steichen. Mr. Larry Weaver reported later to the meeting. Also present at this meeting was Mr. Terry DeWeese, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Jerry Dishman, Park Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor.

Ms. Darbyshire called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD

The Board welcomed Mr. Reed Scott to the Board.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Ms. Barb Allen and Ms. Regena Banks, representing the Boys and Girls Club, presented Mr. Mike Buchanan with the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Volunteer Award. The award recognizes one local Club Volunteer per year who significantly improves, expands, or promotes fitness or sports opportunities for girls.

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It was moved by Ms. Page, seconded by Mr. Brannan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 4, 2002. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Jerry Dishman, Park Superintendent; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor; gave staff reports.

WOODARD TRUST PROPOSAL

Mr. DeWeese explained that in 1998 a Resolution was passed establishing the Woodard Trust. He explained that the trust was created to purchase property for soccer fields and develop an area where Boy Scouts could construct, as part of an Eagle Scout public project, such things as shelters, grills, picnic tables, etc. The fund has \$135,805.77 in assets and investments. Mr. DeWeese introduced Mr. Woodard to the Board.

Mr. Woodard explained that he wanted a park that had soccer fields and other amenities to be named after his son John. He stated that he had met with City Administration about the property directly south of the Dix Addition, north of the Linear Park Trail, and right off of Casement Road, which is currently owned by the American Legion. The American Legion is willing to sell the property for \$106,000, which was the price of the property in 1992.

The Board stated that this is an excellent opportunity and recommended that City Administration meet with the Dix Addition neighborhood. The Board thanked Mr. Woodard for his efforts on this project.

DEVELOPMENT ON BROWNING AVENUE

Mr. DeWeese explained that the Board made a recommendation at the March 4, 2002 meeting to have an easement on the southeast corner of the development for a possible future connection for the Linear Park Trail. After further review by the Developer, there isn't enough space between the buildings and the property line for an easement.

The Board suggested that the March 4, 2002 minutes reflect a statement about a new motion being made at the April 1, 2002 meeting.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Weaver that with respect to the inability to designate a 15' easement along the east property line of the Browning Avenue Project, the Board recommends rescinding the previous recommendation made at the March 4, 2002 meeting in favor of a substitute recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to institute an easement along the south property line for incorporation of a sidewalk at such time the City Commission deems appropriate and funding is available. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

OVERVIEW OF SUNSET ZOO

Mr. Scott Shoemaker presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the history, renovations, animal collection, programs, and partners of Sunset Zoo.

MISCELLANEOUS

Future agenda items – Mr. McMillan suggested revisiting the Zoo Master Plan.

It was moved by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. McMillan to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

Approved by Chairperson Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board

Date