

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
MAY 5, 2003
4:30 P.M.

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

Mr. Weaver called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Page, seconded by Mr. McMillan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2003. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Page thanked City Administration for the Park Tour.

STAFF REPORTS

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

TRIANGLE PARK

Mr. DeWeese explained that he was contacted by Mr. Chapman about renaming Triangle Park in Aggieville. Mr. DeWeese explained the process of naming a park to the Board.

Discussion was held on establishing guidelines, which could include historical connection, substantial contribution to Manhattan Community Foundation, diversity to community, outstanding community contribution, etc.

The Board placed establishing guidelines for naming parks on the future agenda items.

After further discussion, it was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mr. McMillan to recommend not to name the park at this time and to establish a set of guidelines to be used for naming parks. On vote, motion carried 5-2, with the no votes being Mr. Weaver and Mr. Brannan.

PRIVITIZATION UPDATE

Mr. DeWeese explained that the City Commission received the report on privatizing the Forestry Section of the Parks and Recreation Department at their Work Session on April 22, 2003. He stated that City Administration would be working on the Park Section's activities to be presented to the City Commission in October.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Staff's time on this project.

WARNER MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE

Mr. DeWeese informed the Board that City Administration is getting closer to all of the property owners being in compliance with the Warner Memorial Park boundaries and should be corrected by the end of the year. The City Attorney is preparing the information for the two property owners who have fences, which should be completed by May. Mr. DeWeese explained that language will be written on the Deed so when the property is sold, the new property owner knows about the restriction on the fence.

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

Approved by Chairperson Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board

Date