

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
JUNE 6, 2005
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Randy Martin, Ms. Jean Darbyshire, Mr. Roger Brannan, and Mrs. Beverly Page. Ms. Marie Steichen and Mr. Reed Scott were absent. 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. Eddie Eastes, Park Superintendent; Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor.

Mr. McMillan called the meeting to order. Mr. McMillan explained that the agenda items would be moved to accommodate a vote on the Zoo Education Facility due to a lack of quorum later in the meeting.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mrs. Page to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 2, 2005. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. J. David Mattox, Forestry Supervisor, explained that the Department would be hosting the Midwestern Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Tree Climbing Championship in City Park on June 11, 2005. Mr. Mattox gave background information on the event and questions were answered at that time.

ZOO EDUCATION FACILITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Mr. Bruce McMillan stepped down and left the room during the discussion and recommendation on this item.

Mr. DeWeese explained that four consultants responded to the RFP, which were BNIM Architects, Kansas City, Missouri; WDM Design, Wichita, Kansas; Reynolds Knight Anderson, P.C., Manhattan, Kansas; and Bruce McMillan Architects, P.A., Manhattan, Kansas. Dr. Charles Gillium, President, Sunset Zoological Park And Wildlife Conservation Trust; Dr. Ingrid Feder, Vice President, Friends of Sunset Zoo; Roger Brannan, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Jayme Morris-Hardeman, City Commissioner; Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; and Terry DeWeese, Director of Parks and Recreation; made up the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee interviewed the candidates on May 31 and June 2, 2005.

Following the interviews, the Selection Committee recommended WDM Design, Wichita, Kansas, to complete the preliminary conceptual design and construction and operating cost estimates on a Zoo Education Facility.

After discussion was held, it was moved by Mrs. Page, seconded by Ms. Darbyshire to approve the recommendation from the Selection Committee to hire WDM Design, Wichita, Kansas, to complete the preliminary design and construction and operating cost estimates on a Zoo Education Facility. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS

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

Mr. Martin thanked the Department for hiring young people and working around their schedules.

Mr. Brannan thanked Staff for their work on C-150. Mr. DeWeese also complimented Staff for their work on C-150.

MISCELLANEOUS

Goodnow Park Cabin Report was included in the Board's packet for their review.

Soccer Field update – Mr. DeWeese explained that City Administration met with the Little Apple Soccer Club and Riley County to discuss a possible partnership in building a soccer complex in Fairmont Park. He explained that all parties are interested in moving forward on this project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McMillan informed the Board that five firms would be interviewed for the Family Indoor Recreation/Aquatic Facility on June 14, 2005.

It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mr. Martin to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 5-0.