

MINUTES
SPECIAL
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
NOVEMBER 15, 2004
4:30 P.M.

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

Mr. McMillan called the meeting to order.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mr. DeWeese explained that the County Shop site has been valued at \$1,000,000 and there has been a lot of interest locally as well as from other states. There is not any property available near Pecan Circle. Mr. Wilkinson discussed the square footage and programming at the Community House. Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Wilkinson discussed possible grant opportunities. Mr. DeWeese stated that meetings have been held with potential partners.

Mr. DeWeese explained that there are three sites for consideration that have potential for an indoor facility, which are: 9th grade center, Griffith Park, and City Park. The Board discussed the sites and stated that a list of pros and cons be developed for City Park and Griffith Park. The Board also asked for some additional information on the Zoo Education facility, partnerships, grants, what would be needed in an indoor facility, and additional project components needed in the community.

The Board will continue discussion at their meeting on December 6, 2004. A Work Session will be held with the City Commission on December 14, 2004.