

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM  
APRIL 2, 2007  
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Roger Brannan, Mrs. Linda Teener, and Mr. Randy Martin. Mrs. Beverly Page, Mr. Reed Scott, and Ms. Jean Darbyshire were absent at this meeting. Also present at this meeting was Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Park Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; and Mr. Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent; Mr. Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance. Youth in Government – Mr. Felix Wong. Visitors were present.

Mr. McMillan called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mrs. Teener to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 5, 2007. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REVIEW

The Board asked questions of Staff, and Staff responded with answers.

2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

Mr. Hayen gave an overview of the CIP process. He stated that 12.5 million for projects and one million for equipment was budgeted for 2007. Discussion was held on the timeframe of the CIP. Further discussion was held and questions were answered at that time.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

Mr. Russ Weisbender and Mr. Chris Bowen discussed the proposed Knight's Park, which is being considered east of Casement Road south of Marlatt Avenue. Discussion was held and questions were answered at that time.

Mr. Gibbs discussed Phase Two of the Lee Mill Heights, which a 1.9-acre tract of land was originally proposed for a neighborhood park. It has been requested that this area be deeded to the Homeowner's Association as green space to be maintained by that entity.

Mr. Martin expressed concern on how plans proceed and areas are designated as "open space" and when does the Board get to voice their opinion? Mr. Loupe explained the process and stated that there is no mandatory "set aside" that developers must adhere to.

Mr. Gibbs described the area that has been donated to make a parking area for access to the Military Trail and subsequently Warner Park. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Brannan to accept the donation of land. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Cassidy Delmonica, representing National Youth Service Day, addressed the Board on refurbishing the area around 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Griffith Park. The Youth For Christ is utilizing the old Covan Building. Mr. Eastes explained that this area does have limitations and suggested other areas such as Sunset Zoo, Douglass Center, or Truth Park.

The meeting was adjourned.