

Minutes
Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness
September 17, 2008
4:00 PM
Abilene City Hall
Basement Conference Room

The Mayor's Council of Physical Fitness met on September 3, 2008 in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas 79601. Liz Rotenberry, Chairperson, was present and presiding. Committee members present were: Tanya Brice, Joy Hedges, Mary Herron, Bill Horn, Dr. Ralph McCleskey, Pug Parris, Dennis O'Connell; Deonna Shake, and Karen Stover. Also present were Chris Kyker, Ex-Officio Member; Audria Hammond; Larry Johnson; Tony Neitzler and Lenka Wright – City of Abilene Staff; Ivey Brice, Tyler Brice, and Zeileen Chapman,

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by Liz Rotenberry, Chairperson.

2. Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2009, August 20, 2008, August 27, 2008, and September 3, 2008

Minutes for the August 20, ²⁰⁰⁸ were tabled until the October 8, 2008 meeting.

Pug Parris noted a correction of the spelling of her name the August 27, 2008 meeting minutes.

On a motion by Pug Parris, seconded by Mary Herron, the Council approved the minutes for the August 13, 2008, August 27, 2008 and September 3, 2008 Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness meetings.

3. Open Meetings Overview – Kelley Messer

The Open Meetings Overview presentation by Kelley Messer was tabled as Mrs. Messer was still in trial.

Mrs. Messer came to the meeting when her trials ended. She gave an overview of the Open Meetings Act. She noted that members of the Council are required to have the Open Meetings training. The training is available online on the Texas Attorney General website. The City of Abilene Training Division has the training available on video.

4. Report on September 10, 2008 “Abilene on the Move Day”

Mrs. Rotenberry shared that the “Abilene on the Move Day” event was a tremendous success. She extended special thanks to Karen Stover and Mary Herron for their work to get the AISD students involved. She also thanked Pug Parris, Dennis O'Connell, Bill Horn, and Deonna Shake for their efforts in getting the University Campuses involved.

Joy Hedges was asked to give a final report on the number of participants at the meeting set for October 8, 2008.

Lenka Wright noted that pictures of the event are on the City of Abilene Website.

Ms. Hedges stated that the City of Abilene is continuing to walk. Chris Kyker stated that she was in Austin and walked all over the Capitol. She added that the project set the bar for community/school involvement.

Karen Stover stated that everything worked out well throughout the schools. The event was expanded to include parents. It was a great way to the kick-off the beginning of school.

Mrs. Hedges noted that the involvement of larger employers was missing.

Dennis O'Connell suggested that it might be a good idea for the Mayor to have T-Shirts to hand out at events. He added that they could also be given out as "Random Acts of Fitness" when citizens were seen doing physical fitness activities. Mrs. Rotenberry and Mrs. Parris shared that they had already given T-Shirts to several people already.

5. Discussion and Approval of Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness Support Guidelines

Mr. O'Connell presented the draft guidelines to the Council.

Mrs. Wright noted that the Guidelines will need legal review. She and Tony Neitzler have met with Legal regarding the document.

Mr. O'Connell will present a revised document to Legal for their review/approval.

Mrs. Parris suggested that the document be viewed as a "Working Document". On a motion by Pug Parris and a second by Tanya Brice, the Council approved having the Guidelines termed a Working Document.

6. Discussion and Approval of Support of Optimist Club Event

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be prepared to approve allocation of Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness funds for the Balloon Fest set for Saturday, September 27, 2008. The amount is \$500.00. The Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness Logo will be used on T-Shirts for the Balloon Fest and the Council Banner will be used.

On a motion by Bill Horn, seconded by Joy Hedges, the Council approved the allocation \$500.00 funds for the Balloon Fest set for Saturday, September 27, 2008.

Kelley Messer, Legal Department, will prepare the MOU

7. Discussion of October 2008 "Downtown Days" Event

Discussion of the October 2008 was tabled until the October meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm.