

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2006

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services conference room. Board members present were Amber Cree, Gail Russey, Mike Schweikhard, and Susan Arrington. Board members absent were Toney Gutierrez and John Goode. Community Services staff present were Tony Neitzler, Assistant Director; Carl Scott, Senior Citizens/Recreation Administrator, Susan Gerred, Recreation Supervisor; Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent; Jeff Bullock, Zoo Superintendent; and Sondra Cox, Executive Secretary.

Chair, Amber Cree called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Gail Russey.

Gail Russey moved that the minutes of the November 1, 2005, meeting be approved. Mike Schweikhard seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service Award Presentation: Tony Neitzler presented Don Holland with a five-year service award. Mr. Holland is a bus driver in the Senior Citizens Division. Mr. Neitzler also presented Tom Jones with a ten-year service award. Mr. Jones is a supervisor in the Parks Division.

Presentation of Winter Leisure Guide: Carl Scott reviewed with the Board the version of the leisure guide that is available on the City's Webb page. A more condensed version is sent out in the Money Clip. Mr. Scott informed the Board that one of the adult classes offered this session includes a photo class. The Toddler Tuesday class offered at Sears Recreation Center continues to do well, and as always the dog obedience class continue to be very popular. Mr. Scott noted that the programs for each of the Senior Centers are listed in the brochure. Some of the special events offered this quarter include the Steam N' Wheels Bike Ride, the Daddy/Daughter Date Night, and the Mother/Son Dinner and Movie.

Participation Report: (Recreation) Carl Scott reported that a Saturday basketball program has been moved from the Cobb Recreation Center to the Rose Recreation Center. This move has opened up the Cobb Center for rentals. Participation numbers are down in recreation classes, special events, and unstructured user hours. Our numbers are up on the after-school user hours. With the fair weather, participation is up at the Tennis Center. Athletic participation also continues to decline slightly.

Participation Report: (Golf) Tony Neitzler reported that the participation at Maxwell continues to rise. Dave Hand reported that with the reorganization of the membership program, participation in that area has increased. 18-hole play is down slightly, however overall play is up.

Participation Report: (Senior Citizens) Carl Scott reported that overall participation is down slightly, however participation is up in the education programs, exercise, and music classes.

Bond Committee Update: Tony Neitzler reported that the City Council has been participating in workshops and hope to have a May 13, 2006 election. Once the City Council has made a recommendation, staff will be taking the Parks and Recreation Board on a tour in February or March of the facilities that will be included in the bond package.

Operational Report: (Recreation/Senior Citizens) Carl Scott reported that 450 people participated in the Sears Recreation Center's annual Thanksgiving Dinner and 350 individuals attended the Chavez South Park Recreation Center's Christmas Dinner. Staff participated in the Sports Expo that was held the first week in January. The Senior Citizens Division took 20 seniors to a Christmas program in Granbury and the division raised \$2,000 at the Holiday Festival.

Operational Report: (Parks) Bob Cheatham reported that a playground would be built at Lake Kirby with funds from the Certificate of Obligation Program. The renovation of the Stevenson Restroom facility is near completion. This project was funded from Federal funds. Staff has install 150 feet of sidewalks at Will Hair Park in addition to renovating the concession building. Staff is busy repairing ball field fences, trimming trees, and trimming perennials.

Operational Report: (Zoo) Jeff Bullock reported that 2006 would be the Zoo's 40th anniversary at Nelson Park. There will be several events throughout the year with a fundraiser being held in the fall. The walkway project will be completed this spring with funds from the Certificate of Obligation Program. It is hoped that construction will start in the spring for the Education/Entry Complex. Staff will be preparing for the upcoming Bond Election. Attendance is up for the first three months of the budget year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.