

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2009

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services conference room. Board members present were Amber Cree, Gail Russey, Julie Napier and Leroy King. Absent was Terry Johnson, James Smith, and Toney Gutierrez. Community Services staff present were Mike Hall, Director; Tony Neitzler, Asst. Director; Carl Scott, Senior Citizen/Recreation Administrator; Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent; Theresa James, Legal Department; Anita Vigil and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary.

Chair, Amber Cree called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Leroy King moved that the minutes of the, December 9, 2008, meeting be approved. Gail Russey seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Presentation of Service Awards:** Carl Scott presented a 15-year service award to Anita Vigil, the Program Supervisor in our Recreation/Senior Citizen Division.

**Update on Grant submittal:** Tony Neitzler stated that both Grants were approved, the State approved a total of \$831,884. We did not receive the original amount requested. The grant was approved for the Outdoor Recreation Grant for \$500,000. The boating access ramp was approved for \$331,884. The total project is estimated at \$2.2 million with the additional approved bond money and CO money. The grants were very competitive with 50+ applications submitted. The Lake residents were very helpful in getting information for the grant.

**Participation Report:** (Recreation) Carl Scott stated that Recreation classes are running at about the same levels. There has been no significant change in the numbers for this quarter. After School user hours are still up even with the numbers in school enrollments down. Tennis Tournament numbers are down some.

**Participation Report:** (Senior Citizens) Carl Scott stated that there was one less serving day that contributed to the down numbers in meals served. There has been a drop in volunteer hours.

**Presentation of Spring Leisure Guide:** Carl Scott reviewed the Spring Leisure Guide, stating that the Daddy Daughter Date night had over 400 couples registered. The Moment in Time Talent Show was a success again this year. This is a fundraiser for the Carver Teens. Sign language is a class that we continue to have requests for, dog obedience and dance classes are still very popular. The Senior Program continues to offer a wide variety of activities. Mr. Scott suggested that the board stop by and visit the Adaptive Recreation Center to see all of the activities that we offer for the clients. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Bike Race will be later this month and we are always in need of volunteers. The summer program is fast approaching and we will be taking applications for summer positions. The summer track program will begin in June.

**Operation Report:** (Recreation) Carl Scott stated that the Daddy Daughter event was a great success. Christmas holiday dinner at South Park was a success with 310 dinners served. Dyess AFB

supplies the food for this event.

**Operation Report:** (Senior Citizen) Carl Scott stated that the Holiday Festival raised about \$1,800 with a dance and silent auction. A trip is planned to the Fort Worth Zoo and the Volunteers will be honored in April.

**Operation Report:** (Parks) Mike Hall stated that a new Minor League Field was constructed at Sears Park. The league is constructing a concession building, the City is supplying the materials and the League is supplying the contractors. Fences were moved in at Wylie and Kirby Softball Fields and moved out in two fields at Redbud Park.

**Operation Report:** (Zoo) Bill Baker stated Wetland Boardwalk exhibit has been completed. The staff is currently working on the Wetland exhibits. Pump systems are being completed this week along with additional electrical work. Tiger exhibit is about 90% complete. Preliminary prints for the roofing of the Veterinary Clinic are pending. There were two ocelot kittens born, one boy and one girl. A request has been made to keep the kittens as part of the cat ambassador program. Attendance continues to be above historic levels.

Julie Napier requested that a tour of the facilities be made for the current board members. Mike stated that he would schedule a tour in May.

**Tabled item - Resolution to Relinquish Jurisdiction and Control over Municipal Golf Course:** Gail Russey moved to take the resolution item from table, Leroy second the motion. With all in favor the item was removed from table. Mike Hall stated that a couple of items were changed in the resolution, one is to not relinquish control until board has been appointed and the second item was the words “new/or in the future” in regards to golf course land. During research of the history, it was discovered that the Golf Course was never designated as parkland. Amber Cree asked if that at some point that the City decided to discontinue Maxwell as a golf course, that the land would be relinquished to the Parks Board as a Park. Theresa stated that it could not be part of this resolution. Mike Hall stated that if the Golf Course was closed we would have to present a resolution to dedicate the land as a Park to Parks Board and then to the City Council. Amber Cree opened the floor for any comments by Board Members. Julie Napier stated that she would hate to restrict the land as a Park, if it could be sold sometime in the future and the money be used to purchase another Golf Course. Amber stated that the land is in a flood way and probably could not be used for any construction and would hate to see it become unsightly. By keeping it as Park land, we would be able to maintain the land. Gail Russey made a motion to accept, Julie Napier seconded the motion. With all in favor the Resolution to Relinquish Jurisdiction and Control over Municipal Golf Course passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.