

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Friday, June 18, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board room. Board members present were Amber Cree, Gail Russey, Terry Johnson, Julie Napier, Toney Gutierrez, and Leroy King. Absent was James Smith. Community Services staff present were Mike Hall, Director; Tony Neitzler, Assistant Director; Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent; Lesli Andrews, Recreation/Senior Citizens Administrator; Theresa James, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary. Special guests Lydia Long, Martin Jensen, Jennifer Hailey, Bob Bailey, Leslie and Ruth Talbert.

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

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Naming the Nelson Dog Park: Amber Cree introduced Lydia Long with the Parks People. Lydia introduced several of the volunteers that have helped with the project. Lydia suggested that the name Camp Barkeley be used for the Dog Park. The name is to be used to honor Camp Barkeley that was located in Abilene and the training of war dogs at the camp as well as the play on the name. Lydia introduced Leslie Talbert to give some history on the original Camp Barkeley. Leslie spoke of many stories that related to the history of Camp Barkeley. Lydia also stated that the original camp was named after David Barkley, the name was misspelled when the camp was named as Camp Barkeley. She asked the board to determine the spelling that would be used at the Dog Park. After discussion among the board Gail Russey made a motion to name the Dog Park Camp Barkeley as it was spelled at the original camp. Toney second the motion. With all in favor the motion passed.

Lydia stated that the ground breaking would be on July 9th at 10:00 a.m... Phase I of the project is expected to be completed by mid-October. Lydia presented a check from the Parks People to begin phase I. Amber Cree thanked the guest speaker and the commitment that the organization has given to the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.