

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board room. Board members present were Amber Cree, Gail Russey, Julie Napier, James Smith, Toney Gutierrez and Leroy King. Absent was Terry Johnson. 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 were Stan Standridge and Lynn Barnett.

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

Invocation was given by James Smith.

Julie Napier moved that the minutes of the August 3, 2010, meeting be approved. James Smith seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Consider request from Police Department for construction of Police House at Safety City:** Mike Hall introduced Chief Stan Standridge with the Abilene Police Department. Chief Standridge gave an update on the project levels, 1) Fire Building 2) Police Building 3) Parking and Awning. Phase one has been completed. Chief Standridge stated that they have nearly raised all of the money to pay for the Police Building. James Smith made a motion to allow construction of the new Police Building. Toney Gutierrez seconded. With all in favor the motion passed.

**Presentation of Cultural Affairs Council Temporary Art Display:** Bob Cheatham introduced Lynn Barnett. Ms. Barnett presented information and pictures of the art work that will be on display for the next two years as part of Abilene's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Sculpture Exhibition. Sculptures include:

In Circle – by James Surls

Beehive – by Charmaine Locke

Obsoescence – by George Tobolowsky

Autumn – by Sherry Owens

Roadrunner Bunny – by Rara Conley

Windwitch – by Tai Pomara and Laura Scandrett

**Presentation of TAAF Student Athlete of the Year Award:** Lesli Andrews presented Robert Lavariega with the Male Athlete of the Year Award. He was chosen not only for his athletic ability but his ability to lead by actions. He has shown determination in several situations through pain and adversity facing older opponents. We watched as he placed third in state by sheer will power in the last 10 meters and was awe inspiring to his teammates. Robert Larviegia has participated in Northern Little League since age 6 has been chosen for All Stars numerous times. He has been awarded perfect attendance, star student, and AB honor roll. He has participated in middle school football and track, been recognized in each of these sports for accomplishments, participated in state TAAF meet and received 3<sup>rd</sup> in the hurdles.

Lesli presented Mijuan Coleman with the Female Athlete of the Year Award. She was chosen because of her ability to be a leader she never complains and is willing to help others and has been a mentor to several of the younger kids. She has encouraged others to finish when she sees them struggling.

Mijuan Coleman is a sophomore at Abilene High School, participates in track, theatre and she is also in the National Honor Society. She earned numerous awards which range from A B honor roll to school spirit award, most improved library worker and most improved female athlete of the year while at Abilene High.

**Presentation of Service Awards:** Lesli presented a 5 year service award to Terrence Crisp. Terrence is employed by the Recreation Department and a 10 year service award to William Gillis a Bus Driver in our Senior Citizens department. Bob Cheatham presented a 5 year service award to Ronny Martin an Irrigation specialist in our Parks Department.

**Presentation of Fall Leisure Guide:** Lesli stated that the Fall Flag Football has begun and the Punt Pass and Kick competition is scheduled for October 23. Fall Festivals are scheduled at several of the centers. Lesli stated that Austin and Bowie busses will be going to Rose Recreation Center after school. Sears will be having the Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 9.

**Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens):** Lesli stated that the pool season ended again with the annual Doggie Splash Day with 85 dogs in attendance with their owners. The Police canine unit made use of the pool after closing for the Canine Unit for training. Senior Fair Day will be September 15<sup>th</sup> and a trip to the State Fair is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Operational Report (Parks):** Bob stated that the Zoo irrigation system has been repaired and updated. The Dog Park irrigation system has been installed as well as the grass seeded. The landscaping design for the median has been done on Pine Street from 7<sup>th</sup> to Ambler.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.