

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 6, 2012

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Leigh Black, Robyn Wertheim, Gary Grubbs, Jeff Goodin, and Julie Napier. Absent was Leroy King. Community Services staff present were, James W. Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Bob Cheatham, Parks, Jeff White, Recreation/Senior Administrator, Superintendent, Stan Smith, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary. Special guest E'Lisa Smetana.

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Jeff Goodin moved that the minutes be approved for the July 10, 2012, meeting. Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Introduce new Director: Lesli Andrews introduced James Childers – Community Services Director; Jeff White – Recreation/Senior Administrator; Chris Redman – Tennis Manager.

Presentation of Service Awards: Bob Cheatham presented Teresa Crosson with a 5 year service award, Teresa works in section 1 in our Parks Department. Jeff White presented Barbara Liggett with a 10 year service award, Barbara works at the Adaptive Recreation Center as the Coordinator. Jeff White presented John Martinez with a 5 year service award, John works as a specialist at the Adaptive Recreation Center.

Consider 2013 Youth Standards of Care: Lesli stated that this governs the after school and summer programs. The major changes that will be made are that a Parks and Recreation Professional will do the inspection. Jeff Goodin moved that the Standards of Care to be approved with the changes stated. Gary Grubbs seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Consider Rose Park Tennis Center contract: Lesli Andrews stated that the contract in review is for a three year period. Robyn Wertheim moved that the contract be accepted as presented. Julie Napier seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Consider resolution recommending to City Council the support the filing of an application with the Texas Department of Transportation Enhancement Program: James Childers introduced E'Lisa Smetana. E'Lisa stated that they would like to apply for a grant that would make a walk and bike trail from S. Treadaway to Elmwood Dr. on to S. 11th. Robyn asked if audible signals would be included. Gary asked if streets would be widened – E'Lisa stated, not at this time, they would just be marked. Jeff stated that he would be concerned for the safety of the riders and pedestrians. E'Lisa stated that they have a campaign on safe ride to school. Julie Napier made a motion to recommend the application. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion passed.

Presentation of Participation Report: Jeff stated that June, July and August meals served are up for Senior Citizens, there was an increase in dance, arts and crafts. Adaptive Recreation numbers are up, track meet numbers are up.

Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens): Jeff stated that 10,000 meals were served in October. The seniors are planning a trip to Fredericksburg in November. The Rose Park Senior Holiday Family Festival is planned for December 9th. Daniels had 200 people attend the Fall event. Five kids

from Abilene area will be attending the Punt Pass and Kick competition in Dallas. Chavez South Park Christmas dinner is Friday December 14th.

Operational Report (Parks): Bob stated that crews are in transition to winter projects, one being the Martinez Elementary playground, Cobb Park playground equipment, the islands at Nelson Park, and the fence being put up around Bowie Elementary playground.

Operational Report (Zoo): Lesli stated that preparation of Central and South American exhibit to open in late spring. Boo at the Zoo had over 6,000 people attend. Staff is gearing up for the AZA inspection.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.