PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2017

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Leigh Black, Michael Homer, Robyn Wertheim, Jeff Goodin, and Marc Orner. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Stanley Smith, Legal, Robert Hanna, City Manger, and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Robyn Wertheim moved that the minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on November 7, 2017. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service Award Presentation: Richard Rodgers presented Eric Morgan's five-year service award.

Recommendation to the City Council for the lease/land exchange of park land: Gary Grubbs recessed the Parks and Recreation board into Executive Session.

Executive Session: Gary Grubbs recessed the Parks and Recreation Board into Executive Session at 8:34 a.m. pursuant to Sections 551.071, and 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act, to seek the advice of the City Attorney with respect to the lease/exchange of park land.

Reconvene: The Parks and Recreation Board reconvened from Executive Session at 8:58 a.m. and reported no votes or action was taken in Executive Session in regards to Section 551.072 deliberation about the lease/land exchange of park land and Section 551.071 discussion with attorney regarding sale of park land. Marc Orner made a motion to take no action in regards to the recommendation to City Council to sell park land. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Long range planning and vision for Parks and Recreation: Robert Hanna informed the board that staff is going through the organization and analyzing what we can and cannot do at this point in time. One of the discussions we need to have is what does the Parks and Recreation Board see as the vision for this area. Mr. Hanna is asking the board to plan and vision the future of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Hanna stated that at this point there is not enough funds to cover everything we would like to do. Mr. Hanna would like to see some things the board would like to see in the future. Robyn Wertheim asked if there was a time line when he would like to see this plan. Robert Hanna stated that he would like to see this submitted by March of 2018. Gary Grubbs thinks it is a great idea to set a workshop to go over what the board would like to see for the future of Parks and Recreation.

Approval of the Lake Kirby Nature Park Improvements: Mitch Wright provided a presentation, Children's Intelligent Nature Play for the Lake Kirby Nature Park improvements. This presentation includes the design of the improvements and possible ideas for the future when other funding is available. The improvements have received positive feedback. The playscape that is currently in place is in great shape so there is no need to replace it. Some of our next items to add include earth mounds for the kids to roll down, a boardwalk that is ADA accessible. Marc Orner moved to approve the Lake Kirby Nature Park improvements. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried. Marc Orner was not present for final vote.

December events for Parks, Recreation, and Zoo: Informational handouts were distributed to each board member, no discussion was made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Chair Secretary