

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2018

The Parks and Recreation Board held a Workshop meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Abilene Taylor County Public Health Department Conference Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Leigh Black, Michael Homer, Jeff Goodin, David Pittman, and Marc Orner. Board members not present were Robyn Wertheim. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Stanley Smith, Legal, and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary, and Nicole Eaves, Keep Abilene Beautiful Coordinator.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Long-range planning and vision for Parks and Recreation: Lesli Andrews introduced Nicole Eaves as the facilitator for this workshop. Lesli Andrews handed out a copy of the City Charter section pertaining to Parks and Recreation Board. Nicole Eaves stated we really want direction from the board on what their idea of the Parks and Recreation system is. Nicole Eaves asked, what would you like to see in Abilene? There was lengthy idea sharing and feedback.

Develop short and long-range priorities: Nicole Eaves asked the board to select five areas as their high priorities and to select another five areas as low priorities on the items listed on the Parks Master Plan, including the other suggestions the board listed as to what they would like to see for Parks and Recreation.

Review of budget and possible funding opportunities: The board members were given a copy of each of the Division's budget. Lesli Andrews discussed all the areas including Parks, Recreation, Seniors, and Zoo.

Lesli Andrews gave each board member four dots to place next to each item they would want to keep and two dots next to the items they would cut if Council asked our Department to cut. Gary Grubbs stated we need to increase revenue and possibly do this by increasing Parks Bucks donations and creating a Park Foundation to be able to come up with different options and ideas to increase revenue. Lesli Andrews stated she will be bringing this information to the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Chair



Secretary