

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2018

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Marc Orner, Michael Homer, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin and Robyn Wertheim. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Stanley Smith, Legal, and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

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

Invocation was given by Robyn Wertheim.

David Pittman moved the minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on September 18, 2018. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of the FY 2019 Standards of Care: Jeff White stated this is the annual standards of care that exempts the city of childcare licensing and able to operate our summer camp and after school programs. Jeff Goodin moved to approve the FY 2019 Standards of Care. Marc Orner seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion of possible changes to the age requirement for the After School Program: Lesli Andrews stated over the last year we have had a few individuals ask about accepting 5 year olds into our programs. At this time, we only accept 6 to 13 year olds. Robyn Wertheim is recommending to City Council to examine the developmental appropriateness, physical capacity and financial implications before accepting 5 year olds. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion of possible transportation changes to the After School Program: Lesli Andrews stated the city has not provided transportation in the past to our After School Program from school. AISD does transport kids from a few schools as long as it is on their bus route. There are a couple of locations that we are not on their route and AISD has changed a few routes. Bonham and Mann are the two schools that do not have transportation. Gary Grubbs moved to recommend to City Council that staff should explore options for providing transportation from these schools to the centers and explore partnerships with other transportation options. Robyn Wertheim seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Operational Reports:

Zoo: Bill Gersonde informed the board the electrical failed to the Karibu Outpost and the lion/rhino building and has been repaired. The staff spend time last month preparing for special events such as Zoobilation and the annual members night meeting. The animal department prepares for animal shipments. The process is very extensive.


Parks: Richard Rodgers informed the board that mowing is at a standstill with all the rain we have received. During this time, the employees are attending trainings. The Cedar Creek Waterway sign has been installed along ES 11th street. The TRAPS Rodeo is going to be held here in town at Festival Gardens in Nelson Park on October 25.

Recreation: Jeff White stated that Youth Basketball registration is open. The upcoming events are Fall Festival, Winter Break Camp, Sears Thanksgiving Dinner and the Daddy Daughter Dance. The After School registration is still open with limited availability.

Senior: Jeff White informed the board that the Halloween Dance is scheduled for October 25. Upcoming classes include but not limited to adult coloring, mug class, leather bracelets class and wind chimes. Medicare Mondays has started. These meetings are sponsored by Area Agency on Aging. The Senior Center is looking for a part time bus driver.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Chair


Secretary