

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2019

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Michael Homer, David Pittman, Jeff Goodin and Leigh Black. Board members not present were Robyn Wertheim and Marc Orner. 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 8:30 a.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Jeff Goodin moved the minutes be approved for the Regular Meeting on December 18, 2018. David Pittman seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Executive Session: Gary Grubbs recessed the Parks and Recreation Board into Executive Session at 8:33 a.m. pursuant to Sections 551.072 and 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, to seek the advice of the City Attorney with respect consultation and discussion regarding purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property in Grover Nelson Park, agreement between City and AISD in regards to AISD facilities including Lee Complex and update on the Zoo Director position.

Reconvene: The Parks and Recreation Board reconvened from Executive Session at 9:04 a.m. and reported no action to be taken at this time.

Discussion of land use in Grover Nelson Park: No action was taken.

Discussion of agreement between the City of Abilene and AISD in regards to AISD facilities including Lee Complex: No action was taken.

Discussion of the Zoo Director position: No action was taken.

Discussion of possible changes to the Intoxicating Beverage Ordinance Chapter 22-2: Lesli Andrews stated that staff was asked to bring this ordinance to Parks Board for changes. Festival Gardens and the Zoo complex are the only facilities approved to serve alcohol. We are requesting to add the activity buildings, recreation centers, Senior Center, Abilene Community Theatre, Bridge Club Building, Rose Tennis Center Complex and Nelson Parks Softball Complex to the list. Lesli Andrews stated that staff is asking to discuss the changes to this ordinance which would include to waive the security and use of a licensed caterer requirement. Michael Homer moved to approve the changes presented to the alcohol ordinance. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion of Minter Park proposed design: Lesli Andrews stated that a few months ago Parks Board asked that a committee look at Minter Park for changes. Kevin Halliburton helped design the changes and improvements to Minter Park as presented. Kevin Halliburton stated that these changes will be more beneficial for those wanting to use the facility for public or private uses, which currently handicaps accessibility. Leigh Black moved to approve the design. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Abilene Parks & Recreation Board requesting the members of the 86th Legislative Session of the State of Texas to support legislation that provides stewardship, health and wellbeing, and connectivity for local and State Parks: Lesli Andrews stated that Jeff White is the incoming President for TRAPS. One of the items the Texas Recreation and Parks Society has requested we support is the legislation that provides stewardship, health and wellbeing, and connectivity for local and State Parks. Micheal Homer moved to adopting the resolution. David Pittman seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion of the Little Library in Everman Park: Lesli Andrews presented the request from the Abilene Cultrual Affairs to install a little library in Everman Park. Lynn Barnett stated these little libraries are permanent.

Jeff Goodin moved to approve the little library to be installed in Everman Park. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Request to use Everman Park from Abilene Cultural Affairs for Dr. Seuss's birthday: Lesli Andrews presented the request from Abilene Cultural Affairs to charge admission for the event, which is \$5.00 per family. These funds will help cover the cost of some of the snacks and activities that will take place. Leigh Black moved to approve this request. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion of Parks and Recreation Board Workshop: Lesli Andrews asked the board if they are interested in scheduling a workshop in the near future. David Pittman suggested that we wait until the Zoo Director position is filled.

Operational Reports:

Zoo: Lesli Andrews informed the board that the AZA process went well, that staff will have to submit follow up documentation, and they are awaiting their results. Informational packet provided.

Recreation: Informational packet provided.

Senior: Informational packet provided.

Parks: Informational packet provided.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



Chair



Secretary