

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,
Tuesday, July 14, 2009**

Break room of City Hall, 702 N. Highway 175, Seagoville, Texas.

**CHAIRPERSON
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**LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER
BRENDA CALLAWAY
JOYCE MASSEY
MARY WARREN
SHARON CHAMBLISS
BLANCHE GATTIS
AMALIA (MOLLY) LOZANO**

Mission: *To provide quality leisure experiences, facilities, and programs for the citizens of Seagoville regardless of age or abilities, and to serve as stewards of our parks and natural open space.*

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."
Harry Truman.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Molly Lozano, Joyce Massey, Sharon Chambliss, Mary Warren, Blanche Gattis and Brenda Callaway. Also present were Parks and Recreation Director Ralph Mendez and Planning Technician/Commission Liaison Cindy Kintz.

Mr. Phil Greenwalt, representing the Seagoville Chamber of Commerce, and Bob Browning, representing the Seagoville Youth Sports Association, were present in the audience.

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS (5 MINUTES)

None.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9, 2009.

Commissioner Chambliss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gattis, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on June 9, 2009. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (6-0).

IV. **RESPONSE TO ISSUES OF JUNE MEETING**

- A. Petty White – New report from Jacobs Engineering regarding installation of the new lights for the soccer fields. We still need approval from the City of Dallas.

Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners of the meeting with Flood Management in Dallas and received verbal approval to install the new field lighting at the park but a written application was still needed. He also stated that the department was requesting a flood study be performed on the park at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

He mentioned that Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker brought him information on a grant to assist with the cost of installing the lighting at the park.

- B. Veterans Memorial Park & C. O. Bruce/Central Park – The fountain pump was replaced.

Mr. Mendez reported that he had spoken with the company that installed the lighting at Veterans Memorial Park and they were going to send out a representative to review the problem. He also reported that the water fountain was working again at C. O. Bruce/Central Park.

V. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None at this time.

Mr. Phil Greenwalt with the Seagoville Chamber of Commerce informed the commissioners that Seagofest would be held on October 22, 23 & 24, 2009 and shared with them all the festivities for the three-day event. He stated that this year's parade theme was wild, wild west.

VI. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Patriotic Festival Post Festival evaluation.

Mr. Mendez distributed an overview of revenues and expenditures on the festival that he had put together and reviewed it with the commissioners. He stated that he would obtain the final figures from Finance Director Joe Stegall by the next meeting. He stated that he was going to send out to all the vendors an

evaluation sheet on the festival for their input to improve the event. He reported that Daniel Martinez, the fajita food vendor at the festival, contacted him after the festival and offered to provide and prepare free hot dogs to support any event the Commission may have in the future.

Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker, Secretary Massey and Commissioner Lozano all voiced their approval for hosting the festival earlier in the year from July to May due to it being too hot in July. The commissioners held a brief discussion with Mr. Mendez over this matter.

Mr. Bob Browning with the Seagoville Youth Sports Association volunteered the association's sound system on the football field if the Commission would like to utilize it to put the fireworks display to music.

VII. INITIATIVES

A. Termite infestation at C. O. Bruce/Central Park Football concession stand. The City will pay for fumigation and repair/replacement of the walls and floors plus painting and a new roof.

Mr. Mendez reported that the concessions stand at C. O. Bruce/Central Park utilized by the Seagoville Youth Sports Association during football season was infested with termites. He reported that the building was professionally treated but, after S.Y.S.A. members ripped out the affected walls and floor, the building was unstable and on the verge of collapsing. He regretfully reported that the estimated cost to rebuild the concessions stand from the ground up was approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 that the City just absolutely did not have at the present time.

VIII. PARK COMMENTS

- ❖ Bruce/ Central – Secretary Massey reported that the park looked fine. Commissioner Chambliss reported she was informed by a park patron that the Sunday after the festival the park was trashy and picnic tables were sticky.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that the mosquitoes were horrible in the park. Commissioner Chambliss inquired about possible covers for the playground equipment in the park like at C. O. Bruce/Central Park.
- ❖ Casa Grande – Commissioner Chambliss reported that the basketball net was still there. Commissioner Lozano reported that the mosquitoes were bad in that park as well.
- ❖ Putnam – Commissioner Warren reported that the park looked good but the streets surrounding the park were in terrible condition.

- ❖ Petty White – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that the park was in really good shape and mentioned the adult league that was being allowed to play in the park on Sundays.
- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reported on the problems with the lights.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano reported that the park was looking good.

Mr. Bob Browning with the Seagoville Youth Sports Association inquired as to what person at the City would a person contact to reserve the big baseball field at Bearden Park. Mr. Mendez informed him to contact Tanya Sims at the receptionist desk. Mr. Browning reported that the Board Room at Bearden Park was broken into again probably by children for all that was stolen was candy and food. He also reported on the lens covers on the yellow field were shot out; a black Nissan with yellow stripes was seen riding on the fields; and some fixtures were broken off in the men's restroom facilities. Mr. Mendez requested Mr. Browning to submit the list in writing to him.

IX. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to conduct, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement.

LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CINDY KINTZ, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON