

**MINUTES**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday, August 11, 2009**

**Council Chambers of City Hall, 702 N. Highway 175, Seagoville, Texas.**

<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER</b>
<b>VICE-CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>BRENDA CALLAWAY</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>JOYCE MASSEY</b>
<b>COMMISSION MEMBER</b>	<b>MARY WARREN</b>
<b>COMMISSION MEMBER</b>	<b>SHARON CHAMBLISS</b>
<b>COMMISSION MEMBER</b>	<b>BLANCHE GATTIS</b>
<b>COMMISSION MEMBER</b>	<b>AMALIA (MOLLY) LOZANO</b>

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 6:31 p.m. Commissioners present were LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Blanche Gattis, Sharon Chambliss, Joyce Massey, Mary Warren and Brenda Callaway. Commissioner Molly Lozano was absent. Also present were Parks and Recreation Director Ralph Mendez and Planning Technician/Commission Liaison Cindy Kintz.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON JULY 14, 2009**

Secretary Massey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chambliss, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on July 14, 2009 as written. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (5-0). Commissioner Lozano was absent.

*At this time, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker declared the Commission would be going to Agenda Item IV., Requests and Presentations, to accommodate those in the audience making presentations.*

#### IV. REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The following events are requesting approval for use of C. O. Bruce/Central Park.

- October 3, 2009 – Walk for Cystic Fibrosis (Non- profit fundraiser).

Ernest and Minnie Key – 140 Davis Road, Seagoville, TX 75159 –presented their Power Point presentation to the Commission over the Hannah and Heidi Landess Great Strides Walk benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to be held on October 3, 2009 at C.O. Bruce/Central Park with the Commission's permission. The Keys informed the commissioners that long-time area residents, Lee Landess, a Dallas fireman, and his wife, Tina, were Hannah and Heidi's parents. They educated the commissioners that there were over 30,000 children diagnosed with cystic fibrosis and their life expectancy was only twenty to thirty-five years. They reported that in 1989 the mutated gene was discovered that caused this disease and hopefully by 2010 testing of each newborn child would begin. Their goal was to raise \$15,000 and to have five hundred participants in the walk.

Commissioner Gattis recalled Hannah attended the same school in which she was the school nurse before retiring.

Secretary Massey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Warren, to allow Ernest and Minnie Key to utilize C. O. Bruce/Central Park on October 3, 2009 to host the Hannah and Heidi Landess Great Strides Walk benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (5-0). Commissioner Lozano was absent.

- **Special Event – Two shows in 100' x 100' tent, admission fees and concessions. Park Board will determine fees to the City.**

Cathy Ticoliny – P. O. Box 2104, Quinlan, Texas – spoke on behalf of the circus company. Ms. Ticoliny informed the commissioners that her company would like to utilize C.O. Bruce/Central Park on both Friday and Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, with two shows each day at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with a concessions stand inside the tent. She stated that the cost of admission would be \$10.00 for adults; \$6.00 for children thirteen to seventeen years of age; and children twelve years of age and under would be free.

Secretary Massey inquired as to what the proceeds from the shows would be going towards. Ms. Ticoliny stated the proceeds would go towards getting to the next location to perform. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker mentioned the

circus company would have to obtain a health permit for operating a concessions stand.

Both Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker and Vice-Chairperson Callaway spoke of the Commission having a policy in place on special events being held in the parks. Mr. Mendez stated that he was unaware of such a policy until Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker provided him a copy of the policy prior to the beginning of the meeting that evening.

Secretary Massey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chambliss, to table Agenda Item V., Special Event – Two shows in 100' x 100' tent, admission fees and concessions, until City Staff could research for the City's official copy of the policy. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (5-0). Commissioner Lozano was absent.

Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker recommended Mr. Mendez to speak to Public Works Director/ACM Mike Hitt concerning the policy.

### III. **RESPONSE TO ISSUES OF JULY MEETING**

- ❖ Petty White – Requested quotes for engineering and installation of lights. Nema 3 Electric Co. inspected both the lights and the park on Wednesday, July 29.

Mr. Mendez stated that he had not heard back from the electric company since he requested a quote from them on the Monday prior to the meeting.

- ❖ Bruce Central Park – Staff was sent to clean the picnic tables.

Mr. Mendez reported that the landscaping at the park was 99% complete. Vice-Chairperson Callaway commented that she was informed the water fountain in the pond sucked up a rope and burned up the motor.

- ❖ Bearden Park – Video surveillance started on July 28.
- ❖ Heard Park – At this time, funds from SEDC are unavailable for playground shade.

### V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

### VI. **INITIATIVES**

None.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce / Central Park – Secretary Massey reported that the landscaping was nice especially on the back side. She also noticed the work that had been performed on a portion of the road inside the park.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway inquired about having a clearance bar erected above the entrance to the park leading in from Bruce Way to prevent the large trucks from going into the park. A brief discussion was held over this idea.

- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that the park was being used and how she did not see any issues to report. She also complimented the Parks and Recreation employees on doing a good job this summer at maintaining the park(s).
- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported that the park was in need of being mowed and that the basketball net was still in place.
- ❖ Putnam Park – Commissioner Warren reported that she did not see anyone at the park and that the park was clean.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that the park was just fine; the grass was really green; and the fields had been mowed.
- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reported that some of the trees looked stressed and commented on how those types of trees were so sensitive. Secretary Massey commented that aristocrat pear trees were better.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano was absent.

Bob Browning representing the Seagoville Youth Sports Association reported that they had not experienced anymore break-ins; they were still having difficulty with four-wheelers but not as often; and Mr. Quimby wanted to donate trees to the park in October. Mr. Mendez was going to get with Mr. Hitt concerning the plan for this park.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Mendez asked the commissioners if they would be available for a conference call prior to their next meeting in September to come to a Commission decision over allowing the circus to utilize C. O. Bruce/Central Park. The commissioners agreed to the conference call.

Commissioner Chambliss mentioned the concessions building at C.O. Bruce/Central Park. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker inquired as to why the City was considering building a football concessions building when C. O. Bruce/Central Park already had a concessions building in the park. She added that the soccer association had to build their own buildings at Petty White Park. Secretary Massey asked how much the quote was on building the concessions building. Mr. Mendez reported the quote came in at \$40,000. Vice-Chairperson Callaway mentioned the F.E.M.A. trailer. The commissioners held a brief discussion over the topic of the concessions building.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to discuss, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement. Commissioner Lozano was absent.

**LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

**CINDY KINTZ, PLANNING TECHNICIAN**  
**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON**