

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,
Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

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

**CHAIRPERSON
VICE-CHAIRPERSON
SECRETARY
COMMISSION MEMBER
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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 6:32 p.m. Commissioners present were LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Brenda Callaway, Joyce Massey, Molly Lozano and Sharon Chambliss. Commissioners absent were Mary Warren and Blanche Gattis. 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 AUGUST 11, 2009

Commissioner Chambliss made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Callaway, to approve the minutes as presented from the regular monthly meeting held on August 11, 2009. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (4-0). Commissioners Warren and Gattis were absent.

III. **RESPONSE TO ISSUES OF AUGUST MEETING**

- ❖ Petty White – Requested quotes for engineering and installation of lights. One quote has been received. We are waiting for a second quote.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway inquired as to how much was the one quote Mr. Mendez had received. Mr. Mendez reported the one quote he had received totaled \$62,936 for six poles with six lights on each pole.

- ❖ Veterans Memorial Park – Staff has begun watering the trees

Mr. Mendez reported that City Staff has been hand watering the trees on a daily basis. He also informed the commissioners that he had a tree company examine the trees at the park and the crape myrtle bushes around city hall. He also reported that the company had organically treating the bushes during their service call.

- ❖ Bruce Central Park – Spoke to Mike Hitt regarding truck barrier.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

- A. October 3, 2009 – Walk for Cystic Fibrosis – Non-profit fund raiser. Staff met to discuss traffic control and other logistics. Everything is arranged and planned.
- B. September 25 & 26, 2009 – Ticoliny Du Sarousch Circus – Special Event – Two shows on each day in 100' x 100' tent, admission fees and concessions. City policy set fees. The representative for the circus complained the fees were too high. **As of this date, the fees have not been paid.** The fees are due no later than September 10, which is two weeks prior to the event.

Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners that Cathy Ticoliny left him a message that morning informing him that she would be placing a check in the mail on Wednesday, September 9th, and that he should receive it by Friday, September 11th.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Mendez shared with the commissioners a conversation he had with City Manager Denny Wheat over the lack of ample parking at C. O. Bruce/Central Park and how Mr. Wheat suggested conducting a survey on the park. He reported that he had contacted Ms. Jaime Reye Walker with Texas A & M to see how much it would cost to conduct the survey and tabulate the results. Ms. Walker informed him that she had two professors in her department. One

professor specialized in park maintenance and the other professor specialized in park construction. Ms. Walker suggested rounding up three to four groups of volunteers to conduct the five to ten minute survey on four to six different occasions. The Commission held a brief discussion over the survey.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

Mr. Mendez distributed the amended special events policy and reviewed the policy amendments with the commissioners.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey reported that the park looked good with minimal litter; freshly mowed; and definitely being utilized by the public.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that she was at the park over the previous week-end and noticed the overflowing dumpster the sports association uses near the concessions building close to the football fields. She inquired as to when the dumpster would be emptied. Mr. Mendez stated that the dumpster would be emptied sometime during that week.

- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that the park was self-sufficient.

Mr. Mendez reported that he had received the quote from Game Time on shade structures over the playground area. The quote was for \$15,000. Vice-Chairperson Callaway inquired if the structures would lock in a permanent footprint of the playground area in the park. Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners that yes it would lock in a permanent footprint of the playground area in the park once the structures were erected but that the height of the structures would be fourteen feet. Secretary Massey inquired if the trees produced any shade over the playground. Mr. Mendez informed her that none of the playground area was shaded by the trees.

- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported that the park had not been mowed.
- ❖ Putnam Park – Commissioner Warren was absent.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that the park was fine. She informed the commissioners that the soccer association had North Texas adult leagues formed and scheduled to play on Sundays at the park from October 2009 through February 2010. She also stated that the children's leagues started that upcoming Saturday.

- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis was absent.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano reported the park looked good and that she did not see any trash stacked outside the dumpsters at the park.

At this time, the commissioners voted unanimously to retain LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker as chairman and Brenda Callaway as vice-chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission with both terms expiring in June 2010.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The commissioners requested that the 2010 festival and C. O. Bruce/Central Park survey be placed on the October agenda for discussion.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to discuss, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement. Commissioner Warren and Commissioner Gattis were absent.

LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CINDY KINTZ, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
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