

**MINUTES**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

**Break room 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 approximately 6:20 p.m. Commissioners present were LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Brenda Callaway, Blanche Gattis and Molly Lozano. Commissioner Warren arrived at approximately 6:45 p.m. Commissioners absent were Joyce Massey and Sharon Chambliss. Also present was Parks and Recreation Director Ralph Mendez. Planning Technician/Commission Liaison Cindy Kintz was absent due to illness.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

The commissioners approved the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on September 8, 2009 as written.

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

A. Petty White – athletic lights, phase 1, will be presented to the SEDC Board at their October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. I request coaches or parent attendance.

Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners that the S.E.D.C. Board approved the funding for the installation of the athletic lights at Petty White Park and the public hearing was set for January 4, 2010.

- B. Veterans Memorial Park –
- C. Bruce Central Park –.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

- A. October 3, 2009 – Walk for Cystic Fibrosis – Non-profit fund raiser. Evaluation.
- B. September 25 & 26, 2009 – Ticoliny Du Sarousch Circus – Special Event. Evaluation

The commissioners evaluated the successful Walk for Cystic Fibrosis event as well as evaluated the Ticoliny Du Sarousch Circus event.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park Survey of Users  
Texas A & M University is donating their services in developing and analyzing a survey on the use of C. O. Bruce/Central Park. The survey will be conducted by local volunteers working under the Texas A & M Agri-Life Department. Volunteers will be trained using a video created by Texas A & M. The results will allow us to plan for future improvements to the park.
- ❖ The 2010 Patriotic Festival dates will be June 24, 25 and 26. I will begin developing contracts and having the entertainers reserve these dates for us.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

Mr. Mendez reported that he had contracted to stock the pond at C. O. Bruce/Central Park with bass and bluegill fish within the next two weeks at the cost of \$800.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that she was looking into a grant for Petty White Park.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey was absent.
- ❖ Heard Park

- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss was absent.
- ❖ Putnam Park
- ❖ Petty White Park
- ❖ Veterans' Park
- ❖ Bearden Park

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to discuss, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement. Commissioners Massey and Chambliss were absent.

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**JOYCE MASSEY  
SECRETARY**

**ATTEST:**

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

**\*\*\*THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE DERIVED FROM THE NOTES THAT MR. MENDEZ HAD TAKEN DURING THE MEETING IN THE ABSENCE OF MS. KINTZ.**