

**MINUTES**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

**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 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Molly Lozano, LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Joyce Massey, Blanche Gattis, Sharon Chambliss and Brenda Callaway. Commissioner Mary Warren 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 DECEMBER 8, 2009**

Commissioner Gattis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chambliss, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on December 8, 2009 as written. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (5-0). Commissioner Warren was absent.

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

- A. Veterans' Park – During the week of Christmas, the ballast and bulbs were replaced.

Commissioner Gattis reported that she looked at the lights in Veterans' Park before coming to the meeting that evening and she saw four of the lights were out. Secretary Massey added that one of the lights were out in the city hall parking lot. Mr. Mendez commented that maybe the lights being out could possibly be due to the recent bad weather.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Ralph Mendez will report on the January 4<sup>th</sup> SEDC public hearing regarding the lighting at Petty White Park and the shade structure for Heard Park.

Mr. Mendez reported that the SEDC Board of Directors unanimously approved the expenditures for both the lighting at Petty White Park and the shade structure for Heard Park during their January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. He explained that the projects would go to the City Council in two phases due to the cost of the shade structures costing over \$10,000. The lighting at Petty White Park would go before the City Council during their January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The shade structure for Heard Park would go before the City Council during their February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- B. The stage has been reserved for the Patriotic Festival. Confirmation was received December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Mendez reported that a vocal group by the name of His Harmony would be performing for free at the festival on that Saturday evening prior to the country group. He also reported on the new fireworks company the City would be utilizing this year for the festival at a savings of \$2,000 plus the fireworks would be synchronized to music.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

- A. The sign for the landscaping at C. O. Bruce/Central Park Playground has been ordered. The proof of the sign was reviewed and returned with corrections. The sign should arrive by the end of January with placement scheduled for February.

Mr. Mendez reported that the landscaping sign would be arriving Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, and would be installed in the park some time in February.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey reported that there were more and more ducks.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that she had noticed hardly anybody was utilizing the park, which was probably due to the cold weather.

Mr. Mendez informed the Commission that a tree within the park would be taken down soon due to the tree leaning on a residence's fence.

- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported that she saw trash and graffiti in the park and the basketball net was only half hung.
- ❖ Putnam Park – Commissioner Warren was absent.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported on the vandalism at the park; attempted shed break-in; the exhaust fan and bathroom wiring being stolen; the adult soccer league starting play on February 14<sup>th</sup>; and the break in the water line to the park due to the City not turning off the water before the recent deep freeze.
- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reiterated that some of the lights were still not working in the park.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano reported that the park looked the same with the poles still being on the premises.

Mr. Mendez reported on the recent break-in to the S.Y.S.A. building in the park and that installing an additional light was under consideration.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Invite the Chamber of Commerce to report on the status of the Cinco de Mayo Festival in May.

Mr. Mendez discussed with the commissioners inviting Phil Greenawalt with the Chamber of Commerce to attend the Commission's March meeting. Mr. Mendez requested Commissioner Gattis to obtain the name of the pre-kindergarten teacher at Central Elementary School that had the children perform in order for him to give it to Mr. Greenawalt.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to discuss, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement. Commissioner Warren was absent.

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

**ATTEST:**

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