

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,
Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

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 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Blanche Gattis, Joyce Massey, Molly Lozano, Mary Warren, LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Sharon Chambliss and Brenda Callaway. 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 JANUARY 12, 2010

Secretary Massey made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Callaway, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on January 12, 2010. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (6-0).

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

- A. Case Grande Park – Vandalism destroyed slide, damaged spring toy, graffiti. We filed a police report and have submitted a claim to our insurance carrier. We will be ordering security lights when funds are available.

Parks and Recreation Director Ralph Mendez reported on all the damage the park sustained and added the spring toy was a total loss. He informed the commissioners that a woman reported seeing the culprit and she thought that he was middle school aged. He stated that he was looking at a new slide, costing approximately \$10,000. He reported that he was working with the City's Human Resource Director, Janet Goad, and that the City had a \$1,000 deductible on its insurance policy. He informed the commissioners that he was obtaining three quotes. The first quote he had received was from the original company the City had purchased the slide from and did not reflect any price breaks/discounts. The second company to provide a quote gave the City a 5% discount and free shipping as long as the order was placed prior to February 15, 2010. Mr. Mendez was to receive a third quote the following day after the meeting.

- B. Veterans' Park – The ballast and bulbs were replaced the week of Christmas.

Commissioner Gattis reported that three of the lights were out the previous evening.

- C. Bearden Park – Vandalism destroyed park sign and the building was broken into. Security lights are being added at SYSA's expense.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. The SEDC Board approved the grant request for a new fountain at the C. O. Bruce/Central Park pond. This will go through the public hearing process within sixty days.

Mr. Mendez reported that the grant request had already went through the public hearing process and that Mayor Sexton signed the contract.

- B. The SEDC Board approved the grant request for the lighting at Petty White Park, Phase I.

Mr. Mendez reported that the installation of the lighting would begin sometime during that same week.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

- A. The directional signs for the community center have been ordered from Seagoville Signs and Designs. The Senior Services Program will pay for the signs.

The commissioners held a brief discussion over the senior citizens being upset over the naming of the community center.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey reported that the park was wet and the lake was full. She added that there were not as many people utilizing the park.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported the Seagoville 4H used the park to take their pictures. She also reported that most of the lights were working except around the parking area and that a guide wire was loose on a light pole in the vicinity past the playground area.
- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported on the wood chip problem under the swings and that the wood chips were lumpy, too.
- ❖ Putnam Park – Commissioner Warren reported on the same wood chip problem and how it looked like someone had dug under the swings.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported on the holes in the parking lot and that the men's restroom lights would be working by the 23rd. She stated that everything else looked pretty good.
- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reiterated three lights still were not working.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano reported that people were driving on the park grounds and a commode was located by the concessions stand.

Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners that the Seagoville Youth Sports Association was having a company install a camera to aid in apprehending the culprit(s) that were vandalizing/breaking into their buildings in the park.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker recommended that Mr. Mendez invite Mr. Greenawalt to the Commission's regular monthly meeting in March.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to conduct, Commissioner Chambliss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement.

LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CINDY KINTZ, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON