

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday, March 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 6:35 p.m. Commissioners present were Blanche Gattis, Joyce Massey, LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Sharon Chambliss and Brenda Callaway. Commissioners Mary Warren and Molly Lozano were 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 FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

Commissioner Chambliss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gattis, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on February 9, 2010 as written. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (4-0). Commissioners Warren and Lozano were absent.

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

A. C. O. Bruce/Central Park – New fountain request goes to Public Hearing on April 5, 2010.

Mr. Mendez reported that he had ordered fifty large-mouth bass, one-hundred channel catfish and five-hundred bluegill from Magnolia Fisheries Inc. in Coppell, Texas. The company delivered the fish and stocked the pond at the park earlier that same day.

- B. Heard Park – One tree and lots of limbs were lost in the snow storm.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway suggested re-establishing the trees in the park for more and more of the trees were going through what seemed to be a cycle of dying out for no apparent reason. Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners of his recent visit to and luncheon with one of the owners of Chambersville Tree Farm on the other side of McKinney. He reported the company would give the City a fifteen percent discount on the purchase of trees, which included delivery, planting and warranty. He explained that the company had been in business for five years and all their plants were grown organically.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway informed Mr. Mendez that the lights at the park that she reported on the previous month did come on later in the evening and inquired about the guide wire. Mr. Mendez informed Vice-Chairperson Callaway that he had not visited the park to examine the guide wire but would do so.

- C. Case Grande Park – The old slide removed February 26. The new slide should arrive during the first week in March.

Mr. Mendez reported the slide had been delivered and would be installed on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, but that he had not received the check from the insurance company.

- D. Petty White Park – Trash can lids replaced; leak to bathrooms repaired; and electrician called to repair lights February 26, 2010.

Mr. Mendez reported that he had received a map from Oncor reflecting where the transformer would be located and that the electrical contractor, Nema 3 Electric, was in the process of engineering the light pole(s). He also reported that Oncor's cost would be approximately \$2,000 less than originally submitted.

- E. Veterans' Park – The three lights were reported in a work order.

#### IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. The report on the Cinco de Mayo festival is pending the Chamber's report to Seagoville department directors.

Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker asked Mr. Mendez for an update on the Commission's Patriotic Festival to be held in June. Mr. Mendez reported that he had drafted a letter to the vendors that same day; on the bands that would be performing during the three day event; on the carnival that would be operating; on the stage that would be set up; on the balloon vendors that would be at the event; and on the fireworks to music display. Secretary Massey asked Mr. Mendez to confirm with the carnival actually what time they would be open up on that Saturday in order to inform the other vendors. Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners that he would be allowing fewer but the more professional food vendors to register for the event like the fajita and corny dog food vendors. This would hopefully prevent too many of the same foods being sold by multiple vendors. Vice-Chairperson Callaway and the other commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Mendez's idea. Mr. Mendez reported that he was contemplating advertising with the radio station KNON at the cost of ten ads in one day for two hundred and fifty dollars. Secretary Massey suggested also contacting the Mesquite high school radio station.

Mr. Mendez inquired whether or not the commissioners wanted a booth space at the chamber's Cinco de Mayo festival in May and the consensus of the commissioners did want a booth space.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. The SEDC Board approved the grant request for a new fountain at the Bruce Central Park Pond. This will go to the Public Hearing on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

- A. The directional signs for the Community Center were ordered from Seagoville Signs and Designs and are ready to be placed. The Senior Services program will pay for the signs.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey reported that the grounds of the park were water logged and numerous people were utilizing the park.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported many of the trees lost their limbs due to the snow storm; the lights were working but delayed in turning on; and more trees needed to be planted in the park.
- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported the park was being utilized by teams practicing baseball and the baseball field was retaining water between first and second base.

- ❖ Putnam Park – Commissioner Warren was absent but a brief discussion was held concerning the condition of the roads surrounding the park.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported on the grounds of the park being so wet but everything was repaired from the previous Commission meeting. She added that the youth soccer's opening day was the coming Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and North Texas had a new rule allowing three year old children to play soccer now.

Mr. Mendez asked Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker to provide him with the number of participants on the soccer teams as soon as the association had the counts. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported one hundred ninety participants had registered for the adult league with the registration being closed and so far one hundred eighty-seven participants had registered for the children's league with a few more days remaining to register.

Mr. Mendez also asked Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker to keep him informed on the grant that had been applied for. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker commented that the grant would be awarded in May.

- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reported status quo with the park. She stated that she would check on the lighting in the park.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano was absent.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- ❖ Invite the Chamber of Commerce to report on the status of the Cinco de Mayo Festival.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to discuss, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with all the present commissioners in agreement. Commissioners Warren and Lozano were absent.

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

**ATTEST:**

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