

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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

“Disciplining yourself to do what you know is right and important, although difficult, is the highroad to pride, self-esteem, and personal satisfaction.” Margaret Thatcher.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. Commissioners present were Molly Lozano, Blanche Gattis, LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Brenda Callaway, Joyce Massey, Mary Warren and Sharon Chambliss. 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 MAY 11, 2010

Commissioner Gattis made a motion, seconded by Secretary Massey, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on May 11, 2010 as written. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (6-0).

III. RESPONSE TO ISSUES FROM MAY MEETING

A. C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Light pole at the football field fell due to heavy wind storm. Insurance report pending.

- B. Heard Park – Tree branches were removed from the park.
- C. Case Grande Park – Staff has been directed to clean the graffiti.
- D. Putnam Park – Tree limbs removed.
- E. Bearden Park – Working with SYSA to remove illegally dumped materials.

Mr. Mendez reported to the commissioners that the hail storm caused extensive damage to the parks like the football field light poles at C. O. Bruce/Central Park and the Community Center roof. He complimented Human Resource Director Janet Goad on re-evaluating the City's insurance policy and lowering the deductible to \$500 just three weeks prior to the storm.

Mr. Mendez also reported that there were still a lot of illegally dumped materials on Bearden Park property and that the police department would be patrolling the park more often.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Report on Fantastic International Circus at C. O. Bruce/Central Park.

Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners that the circus had two performances on Saturday and one performance on Sunday but the circus had a low turn out.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. The new fountain at C. O. Bruce/Central Park pond had to be serviced. Lightning from the storm caused the breaker to close. No charge.

Secretary Massey commented that she thought the new fountain had low water pressure for it was not spraying as high as it originally did.

- B. Three new SEDC grant fund requests will be made to the City Council in June: Phase II Final for Petty White Park soccer lights; computerized lights schedules at C. O. Bruce/Central Park. The new basketball court surface at the C. O. Bruce/Central Park tennis court is the third item which will be presented to City Council on June 3rd.

Mr. Mendez reported that the City Council approved all three SEDC grant fund requests for the parks to be funded in the 2010/2011 fiscal year budget.

- C. Appointments to the City's boards and commissions will be considered by the City Council during their June 17, 2010 meeting. If those of you whose terms expire in June would like to be reappointed to the PAR Commission and I hope all of you do, please complete a reappointment application and return it to the City Secretary no later than June 16, 2010.

Mr. Mendez reported that he had ordered the trophies for the costume contest at the cost of under \$200. Commissioner Warren was to obtain two tickets to Hurricane Harbor for the best overall prizes. Secretary Massey mentioned increasing the booth space size to 10' x 15'. Commissioner Chambliss suggested having brick applications available at the Commission's booth at the festival. Mr. Mendez was to have the flyers and posters by Thursday, June 10th. The commissioners worked out a schedule on when each of them would be at the three-day festival. Mr. Mendez was to provide the VIP passes for the commissioners to get into the festival grounds. Mr. Mendez stated Field Operations Superintendent Phil DeChant would be available to help with the festival this year. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker asked for a booth space map to direct vendors to their spaces. Mr. Mendez reported that Connie Sexton would be performing a flag retirement ceremony on the football field prior to the fireworks display on Saturday, June 26th.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey reported on the fountain and that the ruts were paved over and everything looked okay.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that the park looked really pretty until the hail storm but she did not see a lot of limbs down due to the storm.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway inquired about an incident that she saw two or three weeks prior to the meeting that involved the police department, an ambulance and the fire department driving on to the park grounds and heading towards the creek area. Mr. Mendez was unaware of the incident.

- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported that the park was alright and that the park had been mowed.
- ❖ Putnam Park – Commissioner Warren reported that the park was fine.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported on the restroom facilities roof needed to be looked at; the soccer association needed a load of sand to be delivered at the park; and numerous beer bottles near the under eight years old soccer field on Sunday, June 6th.
- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reported that the same lights she had been reporting on were still out but that she hadn't checked to see if there was damage to the lights from the hail storm. Mr. Mendez reported that he had

ordered some nandina plants to be planted in the park. Commissioner Gattis inquired about receiving any brick orders recently. Mr. Mendez reported that he had not received any brick orders in four or five months. Commissioner Gattis asked for some flyers on the brick sales.

- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano reported that the park looked nice but she did see some trash in the park.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Interim assignments for Park Director may occur. We will discuss when all decisions are finalized.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to conduct, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement.

LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER

ATTEST:

CINDY KINTZ, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON