

**MINUTES**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday, August 10, 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  
SHARON CHAMBLISS  
BLANCHE GATTIS  
MOLLY LOZANO  
(VACANT)**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. Commissioners present were Sharon Chambliss, Blanche Gattis, Molly Lozano, Joyce Massey, LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker and Brenda Callaway. Also present were Public Works Director/ACM Mike Hitt, Library Director Liz Gant and Planning Technician/Commission Liaison Cindy Kintz.

Mr. Hitt briefed the commissioners on the Seagoville Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors approving the three park projects totaling \$96,000 in funding during their last meeting. The funding will be made available next fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2010. After addressing the commissioners, Mr. Hitt left the meeting to attend the City Council Special Called Meeting that was to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary Massey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chambliss, to reappoint LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker as chairperson and Brenda Callaway as vice-chairperson for another one year term. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (5-0).

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON JULY 13, 2010**

Commissioner Gattis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chambliss, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on July 13, 2010.

Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (5-0).

III. **RESPONSE TO ISSUES FROM JULY MEETING**

- A. C. O. Bruce/Central Park – The light pole at the football field and the other two compromised poles were not on the scheduled list of covered items; therefore, the insurance provider will not cover the cost of repairing/replacing them. Public Works Director/ACM Mike Hitt has already contacted Nema 3 Electric to repair/replace the light poles. These items have been added to the scheduled list of covered items.
- B. Casa Grande Park – Staff removed the graffiti on Monday/Tuesday of this week.
- C. Petty White Park – Insurance provider paid \$540.77 towards the damage to the roof over the restroom facilities and \$413.44 towards the damage to the concessions building. Public Works Director/ACM Mike Hitt had Staff turn over the existing sand pile already on the park grounds.
- D. Veterans' Park – Staff will notify the brick company of the casing surrounding the bricks is coming up in places.
- E. Bearden Park – The insurance provider paid \$406.81 towards the damage to the roof over the restroom facilities and \$360.18 towards the damage to the storage building.

Mrs. Kintz gave the commissioners a brief overview of the funding provided by the City's insurance provider for the park damages resulting from the May 17<sup>th</sup> hailstorm.

The commissioners discussed the overgrowth of algae clogging up the new fountain in the pond located at C. O. Bruce/Central Park. Vice-Chairperson Callaway suggested contacting companies that could treat the pond with chemicals, fish, etc. to eliminate the algae. Secretary Massey suggested utilizing the resources/money that the PARC had raised through fundraisers for the treatment of the algae. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker suggested contacting the Department of Agriculture. Library Director Liz Gant stated that one of her members on the Library Board was a master gardener. Mrs. Gant was to obtain a financial report on the Commission's resources.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Library Director Liz Gant will present a draft of the PARC brochure for the Commission to review and make suggestions.

The commissioners discussed what they wanted in the brochure. Mrs. Gant was to incorporate more information on the seven parks; the last three years

of accomplishments in the parks; reservation information; festivals; and the sporting events that are held at each individual park.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Three new SEDC grant fund requests were made to the SEDC Board and approved in June. The three requests were for Phase II Final for Petty White Park soccer lights; computerized lights schedules at C. O. Bruce/Central Park; and a new basketball court surface at the C. O. Bruce/Central Park tennis court. All three will be going to the public hearing scheduled for City Council's August 9, 2010 meeting.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

- A. A community garden project (Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker).

The commissioners discussed asking D.I.S.D. to use the Environmental Center property for the community garden and starting small like growing pumpkins. Mrs. Gant volunteered to speak with Mr. Gorman with the Environmental Center first to get his viewpoint on using the property.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey stated that she has been out-of-pocket for the past three weeks taking care of and spending time with her older sister that was ill.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that the park looked fantastic but she did notice a couple of trees that were leaning. Commissioner Chambliss suggested cutting the branches along the walkway.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway left the meeting at approximately 7:16 p.m. along with Secretary Massey. Secretary Massey returned at 7:20 p.m.

- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported that the park looked fine.
- ❖ Putnam Park – (Vacancy) – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that the park looked fine.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that whoever is mowing the fields at the park is cutting the grass too short causing the grass to burn. City employees are not suspected of mowing because they would have mowed the entire park and not just the fields.
- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reported that the park looked okay to her. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker commented that Mr. Mendez had mentioned having nandinas planted in the park.

- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano reported that the park looked fine including the dumpster area except for whoever held a party at the park had left it a mess with plastics, trash, etc.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to conduct, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement. Vice-Chairperson Callaway left the meeting at approximately 7:16 p.m.

**LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER  
CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

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