

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,
Tuesday, September 14, 2010**

Break room of City Hall, 702 N. Highway 175, Seagoville, Texas.

**CHAIRPERSON
VICE-CHAIRPERSON
SECRETARY
COMMISSION MEMBER
COMMISSION MEMBER
COMMISSION MEMBER
COMMISSION MEMBER**

**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 6:38 p.m. Commissioners present were Sharon Chambliss, Joyce Massey, LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Blanche Gattis and Brenda Callaway. Commissioner Molly Lozano was absent. Also present were Library Director Liz Gant and Planning Technician/Commission Liaison Cindy Kintz.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2010

Commissioner Gattis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chambliss, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on August 10, 2010. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (4-0). Commissioner Lozano was absent.

III. RESPONSE TO ISSUES FROM AUGUST MEETING

- A. Heard Park – Phil DeChant will send crews to evaluate what can be done about the two leaning trees. Branches on the walking trails will be trimmed by staff.
- B. Petty White Park – In response to the question about who is mowing the park: City crews mow the playing field area and the City hires a contractor to brush hog areas outside the playing fields. The contractor has been held off as long as possible in order to save money. However, the contractor has recently mowed.

- C. C. O. Bruce/Central Park - Additional follow-up on the light poles at the football field: work is scheduled to begin next week to replace the two compromised light poles and the pole that came down in July.

Planning Technician/Commission Liaison Cindy Kintz reported on speaking with the contractor with NEMA 3 Electric. At that time, the contractor had informed her that the light poles would be delivered to the site on Wednesday or Thursday (September 15th or 16th) and they would probably start installing the light poles on Friday, September 17th. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker and Vice-Chairperson Callaway stated that S.Y.S.A. played their football games on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to as late as 9:00 p.m. and to make sure the contractor was aware of the schedule for the games. Mrs. Kintz stated that she would inform the contractor of the football games when he came to obtain the permit prior to the work commencing. She stated that she would also advise him to schedule the work early in the week in order for it to not interfere with the football games.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Ms. Jennifer Duncan is requesting approval for use of C. O. Bruce/Central Park for the following special event:

Walk for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (second consecutive year) – to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairperson Callaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chambliss, to approve the use of C. O. Bruce/Central Park for the walk benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation with the organizers of the walk providing the port-o-lets. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (4-0). Commissioner Lozano was absent.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Report on the discussion with Mr. Bob Gorman, Manager of D.I.S.D.'s Environmental Center, concerning the community garden project.

Library Director Liz Gant gave the commissioners an overview of her conversation with Mr. Gorman. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that her granddaughter's teacher at Central Elementary School was also doing a garden on the grounds of the elementary school. Vice-Chairperson Callaway suggested, that while they were manning their Seagofest booth, informing the public about the community garden to see if there was community interest in the garden.

The commissioners held a lengthy discussion over the funds they had raised over the past several years. Mrs. Gant was to obtain and review a print out of revenues and expenditures from August 2006 to the present.

B. Update on the PARC brochure.

Mrs. Gant reported that she was still working on the brochure.

C. Status on the three new S.E.D.C. grant fund requests for Petty White Park – soccer lights (Phase II – Final); C. O. Bruce/Central Park – computerized lights schedules; and C. O. Bruce/Central Park tennis court – a new basketball court surface. All three requests went through a public hearing before the City Council during their August 9, 2010 meeting.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

None.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey reported that the park needed to be mowed. She commented that there must still be problems with the new water fountain for the fountain was not running that day. She reported that the algae had just disappeared.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway reported that the park looked fine; the two leaning trees had not fallen; and there was not a lot of brush in the park from the tornado.
- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported that the park needed to be mowed.
- ❖ Putnam Park – (Vacancy) – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that the park looked fine.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that the park looked fine and that she did not have any problems/concerns to report.
- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reported that the lights were working in the park and mentioned the casing around the bricks was coming up in places.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano was absent.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to conduct, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement. Commissioner Lozano was absent.

LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CINDY KINTZ, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON