



**MINUTES**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,

Tuesday, October 12, 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 6:37 p.m. Commissioners present were Molly Lozano, LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker, Blanche Gattis and Joyce Massey. Commissioners Brenda Callaway and Sharon Chambliss were absent. Also present was Planning Technician/Commission Liaison Cindy Kintz. Library Director Liz Gant arrived at 6:39 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

Commissioner Gattis made a motion, seconded by Secretary Massey, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on September 14, 2010. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (3-0). Vice-Chairperson Callaway and Commissioner Chambliss were absent.

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

A. C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Installation of all three light poles was completed by Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Field Operations Superintendent Phil DeChant contacted the City of Mesquite and the Texas Parks and Wildlife as well as local farmers concerning the algae in the pond. He was advised to treat a

third of the pond at a time with copper sulfate. The pond has been treated as advised and the problem with the algae seems to be under control.

Secretary Massey reported on the north side of the pond closest to the U.S. Highway 175 Service Road needed to be treated again for algae.

- B. Heard Park – The two leaning trees in the park have been reported to the Public Works Department and will be taken care of now that Seagofest is over with.

Mrs. Gant reported that one of the leaning trees had been taken down on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and the other tree was not showing signs of stress but will be taken down later on.

- C. Veterans' Park – At the meeting, Library Director Liz Gant will provide you with an update on the casing around the bricks.

Mrs. Gant reported that the City was currently utilizing a brick company in Mesquite and would be contacted about the brick casing. She commented that the casing looked like cecil rope and caulking. She reported that the City had received a complaint recently on bird droppings and mud/dirt on the bricks. She reported that a Public Works employee had spent two or three days carefully pressure washing the bricks. The commissioners held a brief discussion over the design of the park in particular preventing the mud/dirt from washing on to the bricks especially along the walkway.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Update on community garden project.
- B. Update on the PARC brochure.
- C. Update on Commission's fund balance.
- D. S.E.D.C. grant fund requests for Fiscal Year 2010/2011:
1. Petty White Park – soccer lights (Phase II – Final): It is on the City Council's October 7<sup>th</sup> agenda to approve by resolution the SEDC funding for this project.
  2. C. O. Bruce/Central Park – computerized lights schedules; and
  3. C. O. Bruce/Central Park tennis court – a new basketball court surface.

Mrs. Gant did not have anything new to report on the community garden project or the PARC brochure. Mrs. Gant discussed her findings on the Commission's fund balance with the commissioners.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

None.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey reported that the algae was attempting to grow on the north side of the pond and that the north side of the park closer to the U.S. Highway 175 Service Road also needed to be mowed.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway was absent. Mrs. Gant reported that the shade structure, that was vandalized less than twenty-four hours after it had been installed, would be repaired and re-installed in the spring. She also reported that the cost of repairing the structure was almost as much as purchasing another new one due to the labor cost.
- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss was absent.
- ❖ Putnam Park – (Vacancy) – Commissioner Lozano reported that she had driven by the park and that the park looked fine.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker reported that the park was fine.
- ❖ Veterans' Park – Commissioner Gattis reported on two lights being out in the park along Farris Boulevard.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano reported numerous potholes in both entrances into the park.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Gant suggested an update on the Commission's fund balance after the auditors were through with the annual audit in November.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to conduct, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement. Vice-Chairperson Callaway and Commissioner Chambliss were absent.

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

**ATTEST:**

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