

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.,
Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

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

**CHAIRPERSON
VICE-CHAIRPERSON
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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 6:47 p.m. Commissioners present were Molly Lozano, Joyce Massey, Sharon Chambliss, Blanche Gattis, LauraLee Furstenwerth Acker and Mary Warren. Vice-Chairperson Brenda Callaway was 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 APRIL 13, 2010

Secretary Massey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gattis, to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on April 13, 2010. Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker called for a vote with all present commissioners voting AYE. The motion carried (5-0). Vice-Chairperson Callaway was absent.

III. RESPONSE TO ISSUES OF APRIL MEETING

- A. Heard Park – Tree branches were removed from the park.
- B. Bearden Park – Working with S.Y.S.A. to remove illegally dumped materials.

Mr. Mendez reported that the illegally dumped materials had been removed from Bearden Park.

IV. **REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Cinco de Mayo report.

Mr. Mendez informed Commissioner Warren and the other commissioners that he did speak with the roasted corn and barbecue vendors from the Cinco de Mayo event as well as the pony rides guy. He also stated that the Mexican food vendor had given him a contact for some radio station advertisement. He reported that Oncor would have their smart meter bus at the Patriotic Festival and how the company would be donating \$500 plus numerous boxes of crayons for the event.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. The new fountain for the C. O. Bruce/Central Park pond has been ordered. It could take up to two weeks for arrival and installation of the fountain.

Commissioner Gattis and Secretary Massey both commented on how good the new fountain looked. Mr. Mendez informed the commissioners that the fountain had a five year warranty and the design was called lily pad. He reported that he was looking into ordering red and blue lights for the fountain for the Patriotic Festival.

B. Three new SEDC grant fund requests will go before the City Council in June:

1. Phase II Final for Petty White Park soccer lights;
2. Computerized lights schedule at C. O. Bruce/Central Park; and
3. New basketball court surface at the C. O. Bruce/Central Park tennis court.

Mr. Mendez reported funding for the soccer lights at Petty White Park would occur after the new budget year started on October 1, 2010. He reported the computerized lights at C. O. Bruce/Central Park would cost \$8,000. He showed the commissioners several samples of the new basketball court surface. He informed the commissioners that the material had a ten year warranty and could be ordered in several different colors. He invited the commissioners to the June 3rd City Council meeting where he would be addressing the Council on these three funding requests.

VI. **INITIATIVES**

Mr. Mendez showed the commissioners the flyers he had drafted for the festival and costume contest. He was to add crafts to the list of activities for all three days of the Patriotic Festival.

VII. **PARK COMMENTS**

- ❖ C. O. Bruce/Central Park – Secretary Massey reported that the fountain looked good and the park grounds had been mowed. Commissioner Warren also reported that she saw numerous dog waste piles around the children’s playground area. Commissioner Gattis reported on the multiple potholes on the road leading to the far end of the park.
- ❖ Heard Park – Vice-Chairperson Callaway was absent but Secretary Massey stated she drove by the park and reported that the park had been mowed and that it looked nice.
- ❖ Casa Grande Park – Commissioner Chambliss reported that there was graffiti already on the new slide; the black mat underneath the wood fiber in the children’s playground area was becoming uncovered; and overall the park looked good.
- ❖ Putnam Park – Commissioner Warren reported that there were a multitude of tree limbs down behind the playground area around the picnic area and liked the street improvements around the park.
- ❖ Petty White Park – Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker requested a load of sand for the park.
- ❖ Veterans’ Park – Commissioner Gattis reported eight lights were out in the park and supplied Mr. Mendez with a drawing showing which lights were out.
- ❖ Bearden Park – Commissioner Lozano reported that the park looked real good and commented on the dumpster area being clean.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business to conduct, Chairperson Furstenwerth Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m. with all present commissioners in agreement. Vice-Chairperson Callaway was absent.

LAURALEE FURSTENWERTH ACKER
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

CINDY KINTZ, PLANNING TECHNICIAN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON