

**THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS  
MINUTE RECORD OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Following notice and publication, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. February 26, 2015 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Dr, San Angelo, Texas.

**Board members present** were Mr. Louis Perez, Mr. Donald Barnhart, Ms. Gloria Henderson, Mr. Mike Campbell, Ms. Debbie Cross, and Ms. Mary Palos.

**Staff members present** were Mr. Carl White, Ms. Diana Faulkner, Mr. Michael Dennis, Mr. Mike Hitchcock and Mr. Roger Havlak.

Minutes were recorded by Mrs. Ida Rios.

**I. OPEN SESSION (3:30 p.m.)**

**A. Call to Order**

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**B. Public Comment**

None.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Consideration of approving the December 11, 2014 meeting minutes.**

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT**

**2. Consideration of approving matters related to lease of City owned Bart DeWitt Park property for a public heritage museum.**

Mr. White presented background information on this item and outlined the goals the board wanted Mr. Eggemeyer to reach in setting up a heritage museum. Mr. Eggemeyer provided the board with pictures of updates to the area along with a sample plaque for equipment signs. He is working on installing an awning where craft events can be held and tractors can be parked for protection. The Board discussed Mr. Eggemeyer meeting the goals set by the Board, and whether or not he has met the terms of the contract. Also discussed was the hours the area is open to the public, liability insurance and a risk assessment. The Board suggested forming a committee to help Mr. Eggemeyer to reach goals in forming the museum. The Board discussed the consequences of not renewing the lease due to the amount of time and money Mr. Eggemeyer has invested in the property and renegotiating the lease. Mr. Perez made a motion not to renew the lease for a public museum and to ask City Council for direction. Ms. Palos seconded the motion. The motion passed four to two with Ms. Henderson and Mr. Barnhart voting against the motion.

**3. Consideration of designating some public property for the discharge of fireworks for the Fourth of July.**

Mr. White presented background information on a request for designated areas to discharge fireworks for July 4th. A meeting was held with Police, Fire, Fire Marshall and Operations departments and some areas have been identified that might work for this event. Mr. White introduced Ross Coleman, Fire Marshall, to speak on this item. Mr. Coleman stated that the State legislature does allow counties to provide designated "safe zones" for the discharge of fireworks during a burn ban; however, they do not specify design for these areas and they can be dangerous. Some methods used to prevent problems are having the Fire Department on site and wetting the ground and surrounding areas. These methods still do not control the use of fireworks. The county is allowed to prohibit certain kinds of fireworks. During a burn ban the County and City are exempt from liability when "safe zones" are in place. A City ordinance in San Angelo prohibits fireworks within the City limits. Lake Police have a problem with man power. Other issues are the climate, condition, population and wild land urban interface. Burn bans are set at the County level and fireworks can legally be sold at the county level. Mr. Coleman would like to meet with County officials and get their thoughts on the idea and meet with the local fireworks vendors and see if they are interested in sponsoring "safe zones". Once Mr. Coleman has met with County officials and local vendors then he can come back to the Board with a full report.

**4. Discussion of initiating a City-run PONY/COLT Little League program and approving matters related thereto.**

Mr. White presented some background information on the request for the City to run a PONY/COLT league and introduced Mr. Brian Morrison. Mr. Morrison stated that the city has Little League which services ages up to 12 years old but there is a gap for ages 13-14 since there is no Junior High baseball before High School baseball. The only options for the 13-14 year age group is Select teams that can become expensive for some families or Little League which drops to 2-3 teams from 13-14 teams. The Board discussed the lack of fields available for this age group and possibly having a summer league, when fields would be available. The Board discussed the need for sanctioning through a governing body like USSSA or ASA for insurance and guidelines. Also discussed was the time to advertise, organize and set up and possibly forming a league for 2016. There are funds designated for the renovation of the 29th St. Complex through half-cent sales tax. There is \$1.75 million, however the project was put on hold in 2008-09. The intent was to combine Northern and Lakeview Little League. Those funds could actually be used to build a small PONY complex with City Council approval.

**5. Discussion of Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Plan items and approving matters related thereto.**

The Board was provided a draft list of the active and future CIP projects. A copy is attached as a part of the permanent record. The City is in the process of updating the Capital Improvement Plan to submit to City Council. A draft of the plan is available on the City's website. Council did have a strategic planning meeting and discussed all the non-water and street related improvements that will be tackled. The top six projects are the Foster Communications Coliseum expansion and remodel, Water Billing Customer Service Office, Police Department Admin Building, Restroom facility for neighborhood parks, River bank stabilization and a Multi-Generational facility for Parks & Recreation.

**6. Discussion of Parks & Recreation Projects and other key updates.**

Other projects are a dog park which is still in the fund raising stages, Bosque improvements that include a concession area and putt-putt golf course. The Board was given an update on the 2015 Date Night. The event was sold out for all four nights. Attendance for the first three nights averaged seven hundred and approximately one hundred fifty people for the reunion night, exceeding our estimated budget.

**7. Consideration of future agenda items.**

Some items for future agenda area a shade structure for Kids' Kingdom, PONY/COLT program, Eggemeyer Lease, fireworks discharge areas and expansion of the Little Free Library program.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Perez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Barnhart. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

  
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