

**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. May 28, 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, Mr. Francis Jelensperger and Ms. Mary Palos.

Staff members present were Mr. Carl White, 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 April 23, 2015 meeting minutes.

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

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Discussion of possible improvements at the Texas Bank Sports Complex, including but not limited to new restroom and concession facilities, a pavilion and approving any matters related thereto.

Mr. White presented background information on the construction of the Texas Bank Sports Complex. Completed in 2009, the complex includes fifteen fields; the Southern Little League fields, a baseball field and eleven softball fields.; a concession stand and restrooms at quad three and a small concession stand and restrooms at quad one. The design for the complex included a concession and restroom at quad four and pavilion at the playground. With all the activities at the complex since its opening, we see the need to add another restroom facility at quad two and four and adding the pavilion to complete the community park. In addition, there is a need for additional parking which could be added by quad four, the maintenance area and off St. Ann St. We are adding a trail section connecting Bell St. trail to the playground in the next couple of months. Possible sources for funding the project are venue tax, half-cent sales tax, general fund, bond money or possibly grants and naming rights. Naming rights money received this year may go toward the operations of the facilities and some may be used toward improvements. At the time of construction the cost of the small concession building and restrooms was \$250,000 and the large one was \$400,000 not including utilities. Cost today could be around \$400,000 to 500,000 to add one restroom to each quad. The pavilion, if done in-house, could cost anywhere from \$30,000 to \$60,000. Cost for parking is going to be very problematic and we have not calculated the cost. The Board discussed the need of restrooms being a priority and funding the construction. The Board also discussed Hotel Occupancy tax for funding the project as opposed to the venue tax option. The Board also discussed adding parking and special events at the complex. Restrooms will help to bring in more events. The Board also discussed concessions and options for additional concession vendors or food trucks. Staff recommends using existing design for restrooms and leave room to add concessions at a later time. Mr. Barnhart made a motion to proceed with possible improvements to the Texas Bank Sports Complex with the priority being the restrooms, then the pavilion, and last the parking. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of facilitating the use of piñatas in the parks for birthday parties and consideration of approving any matters related thereto.

Currently there are no areas for piñatas at the parks but they are being used at the parks, especially the more popular ones where people rent the pavilion for birthday parties. Some issues are litter and safety. Our proposal is to create a means to facilitate the use of piñatas at one location, Kids' Kingdom. We could add this in the rental process similar to the inflatable policy. The concept would be a concrete slab with rubber matting with an arm for a piñata, even creating a work of art and involving the Public Art Commission. The Board discussed liability insurance, picking up trash and shade surrounding the area and other locations. Ms. Henderson made a motion recommending to proceed with facilitating the use of piñatas at Kids' Kingdom on a trial basis. Ms. Palos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of adding shade to the kids' Kingdom playground and approving any matters related thereto.

Mr. White presented background information on this item. There is no funding for this project however grant and donor funding is possible. The staff recommends consideration of this request amidst other needs in the park system and if approved, there is no funding. The cost can vary from \$22,000 to \$110,000 and double the price if we contract and in addition there is a maintenance cost. The board discussed the Junior League's connection to the park, funding from the Health Foundation and naming rights potential. Ms Henderson made a motion recommending that we proceed with adding a shade structure to Kids' Kingdom and seek funding from an outside source. Mr. Barnhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Update on major projects, events and activities: AmeriCorps' projects, Recreation summer programs, Parks turf planting, Bosque development, Red Arroyo Trail and River Fest.

AmeriCorps group has been working with the Parks & Recreation Department since April. The team is here until July. They have been called out to help out with flood victims in San Marcus. When they return, they will be helping paint the

Riverstage and start a tree inventory for Parks. Recreation is in their busy season with summer camp, movies at the parks, hosting a track meet, registration for flag football and the July 3rd Splash Party. We will have a movie at the Pool on July 23 and the cost is \$5.00. The pool has been opened for school pool parties. The official opening day is May 30. This year the pool will be closed on Mondays for maintenance. Parks is planting grass at Brown, Padron and Neff's area of Bart DeWitt Park. If there is enough time some grass will be planted along the river. For the Bosque area, we are still lining things up for the contractor for the food court area, concessions and Putt-Putt Golf Course. The current hold up is how we are addressing the lift station on the west end of the sight. It will need to be fenced in or secured in some way. We are also working with the Concessionaire on managing this area. The Red Arroyo project has been delayed because of the rains but deadline is for this fall and we hope to have a grand opening. River Fest will be September 18 and 19. We are currently working on getting sponsorships and coordinating things for the concerts. The dog park is getting close to their goal. They are working on PetSafe, Bark for Your Park for \$25,000 or \$100,000. Once they reach the goal of \$75,000 we will go to Council for their final approval on this project.

6. Consideration of future agenda items.

Future items will be field reservations, PONY and girls softball leagues and updates on other projects as well as an update on Neighborhood parks conditions and renovations. Bradford Park, Brentwood Park and Santa Rita Park are in line for renovation but there will be no more funding for renovations after Santa Rita Park. Also, the Board would like to discuss funding for future renovations. We need to create a list of priorities for renovations and creating new parks.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jelensperger. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



Approved