

**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. April 28, 2016 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Board members present were Mr. Louis Perez, Mr. Donald Barnhart, Ms. Gloria Henderson, Mr. Edward Dotson, Mr. Francis Jelensperger, Ms. Christina Woodard, Ms. Bitsy Stone and Ms. Mary Palos,

Staff members present were Mr. Carl White, Mr. Brent Casey, and Mr. Roger Havlak and 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 February 26, 2016 meeting minutes.

Ms. Henderson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as recorded. Ms. Stone seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Discussion on the "Open Carry" law as it relates to parks and recreation facilities with City Attorney, Theresa James.

City Attorney, Theresa James, presented to the Board information on the "Open Carry" law. Chief Tim Vasquez stated that if a citizen is concerned they can call the police and they are trained to ask for other identifiers. At this time there is not a training for employees on how to handle "open carry" situations.

3. Consideration of a policy related to the retention or removal of "love commitment" padlocks on parks.

Mr. White presented information on "love commitment" padlocks on the high pedestrian bridge. This bridge was just recently refurbished and brought up to standard but there is concern about the weight and appearance of the locks on the bridge and are seeking the Board's recommendation on removal and offering an alternative area for the locks. Currently at Lone Wolf Bridge there is a heart sculpture for locks. The Board discussed adding another heart sculpture at the high pedestrian bridge. This item was tabled for the next meeting.

4. Consideration of a policy and procedure for in-kind support for sports tournaments and approval of matters related thereto.

The Board discussed setting a limit for support that the Board will approve with a 45 day minimum request time with 30 days to submit financial information. The Board discussed extending the time for out of town requests. The Board also discussed the difference between a rental and a city co-sponsored event. Staff could set up a policy that Council would approve for the Board to approve requests up to a certain limit, any requests over the limit would be approved by the Board and then go to Council for approval. The Board also discussed the percentage of earnings from concession sales at tournaments. The next step would be to draft an application and policy and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

5. Consideration of a vision and mission statement for Parks and Recreation and approval of matters related thereto.

A copy of the proposed vision and mission statement is attached as a part of the permanent record. The Board discussed translating it into Spanish, the length of the statement and including it in a brochure with sponsors. Ms. Palos made a motion to adopt the Mission/Vision statement as presented. Mr. Jelensperger seconded the motion which passed with 7 for and 1 against.

6. Discussion of advocacy and planning for the new multi-generation recreation center.

The Board would like to move forward with visiting other centers, a citizen's survey of their needs and desires and holding public meetings. The Board also discussed locations for the center. Ms. Stone suggested forming a "Friends of the Parks" organization to help spearhead the project. Members suggested forming a sub-committee or workshops and set up a meeting with Mr. Matt Lewis with the Area Foundation. This item will be brought back for additional discussion at the next meeting.

7. Discussion of upcoming summer Recreation programs including athletics, the Nature Center, camps and Love Municipal Pool.

Mr. Casey reported on improvements to the pool pump room. Memorial weekend will begin our pool season. We just completed a Challenger soccer league for children with special needs with was a big success. Programs coming up soon are summer track, Movies in the Park, summer camp and pool activities that include splash parties and swim lessons.

8. Update on improvement projects:

Staff received funds raised for the dog park and construction should begin in May or June. Final negotiations on the design for the Concession/Restroom facility at the Texas Bank Sports Complex are now complete. Proposals have gone out for the construction of the 29th Street Sports Complex and the Bosque games area will now be open on weekends. The Bradford playground is now approximately ninety percent complete.

9. Consideration of future agenda items.

Items for future consideration are the multi-generational facility, a policy for in-kind support for tournaments, and "love commitment" locks on the bridge. The next meeting will be moved to June 9th or 16th.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barnhart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jelensperger. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Approved