

**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. June 16, 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, Mr. Roger Havlak and Mr. Mike Hitchcock 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 3:34 p.m.

B. Public Comment.

None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the April 28, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Consideration of a policy related to the retention or removal of "love commitment" padlocks on parks pedestrian bridges and approval of matters related thereto.

2nd hearing on this item. The Board discussed allowing "love commitment" padlocks on the High Pedestrian Bridge and Lone Wolf Bridge. Ms. Henderson made a motion to remove "love commitment" padlocks from all bridges and only allow them on the heart sculpture located at the Lone Wolfe Bridge. Mr. Dotson seconded the motion. The motion passed with five for, two against and one abstaining.

3. Consideration of approving an amended policy related to the placement and use of inflatable play equipment on park grounds.

Mr. Havlak, Senior Parks Manager discussed the current inflatable policy that does not allow staking play equipment to the ground. A proposed new policy will allow staking in only five of the most popular parks with pavilions. Parks staff has met with the approved inflatable vendors and have marked an area in the following parks, Firefighter's Memorial City Park, Kids' Kingdom Park, Unidad Park, Glenmore Park and Producers' Park. The Board discussed adding a park on the north side to the list. Mr. Barnhart made a motion to approve the policy as written. Ms. Stone seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of approving a master plan for the creation and development of a public botanical garden at Civic League Park.

Mr. Havlak presented a plan to create an official "botanical garden" at the Civic League Park. A committee was formed and included Mr. Ken Landon, the Garden Club, John Begnaud, Allison Watkins and park staff. The plan is intended to guide staff until a 501(c) 3 can be set up. The plan would need the Boards' approval before going to Council for the final approval. A copy of the proposed plan is attached as a part of the permanent record. It is divided by projects staff can do with current budgeted funds, and different phases of the plan that would need additional funds. The first part of the plan would include the removal of several trees that affect the lily gardens. The Board discussed the reasons for removal of trees, the possible relocation of certain types of trees and protecting the lily gardens. Mr. Larry Jolly, Mr. Ken Landon and Mr. Begnaud all commented on the need for the removal of the trees due to the effect on the lily ponds and are all in support of this plan. The Board discussed a professional master plan and separating the approval of the master plan and the removal of the trees. The Board also discussed letting the public know about the master plan by posting signs at the park. Ms. Henderson made a motion to table this item for the next meeting. Mr. Jelensperger seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. Discussion of advocacy and planning for a new multi-generational recreation center.

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

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

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

7. Update on the 2016 River Fest.

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

8. Update on improvement projects: dog park, Texas Bank Sports Complex additional restrooms, 29th St. Sports Complex redevelopment, Bradford Park renovation and Lake Nasworthy boat ramps (Spring Creek and Middle Concho Parks.

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

9. Consideration of future agenda items.

Items for future consideration are the multi-generational recreation center, a policy for in-kind support for tournaments, smoking in the parks, updates on projects and River Fest 2016. The next meeting will be moved to July 14th or 21st.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Approved

