

**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. September 22, 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, Ms. Christina Woodard, Ms. Bitsy Stone and Ms. Mary Palos,

Staff members present were Mr. Carl White, 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 3:32 p.m.

B. Public Comment.

None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the July 14, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Consideration of recommending removal of a few trees near the International Water Lily Collection at Civic League Park.

Mr. Havlak gave an update and background information on the botanical garden. Staff is seeking approval of the removal of selected trees at Civic League Park. This item will require Council action. The Board discussed whether or not Parks had to request permission for the removal of trees from other parks. Parks operations does not seek permission on trees where there is a safety or health concern for the tree or shrub. The live oak, red oak and pecan tree have no health or safety concern but, as part of the conception of the botanical garden the trees may need to be replaced with trees that will not affect the lily garden in the future. Mr. John Begnaud, Retired County Extension Agent for Tom Green County read a letter submitted by Ms. Allison Watkins the County Extension Agent stating that she is in support of the removal of the trees. A copy of the letter is attached as a part of the permanent record. Ms. Bitsy Stone made motion to recommend the removal of the trees, as presented. Ms. Woodard seconded the motion. The motion passed with five for, one against and one abstaining.

3. Discussion of adopting an ordinance to limit smoking in the parks in order to give staff direction regarding the matter.

Board Member Mr. Don Barnhart noticed that in some larger cities, Dallas, Ft. Work and Houston have passed city ordinances that limit smoking in their city parks, golf courses and anything maintained by the City. Attached are some related articles as a part of the permanent record. The Board discussed whether or not this is something that San Angelo would like to do. City Attorney, Theresa James discussed the current ordinance and ordinances in some other cities that limit smoking in city facilities and if the Board wants to provide Council direction for a new ordinance, it will take two meetings. The Board discussed areas that would be included, enforcing the ordinance, smoking at the entrance or in concentrated areas that the public will walk through to get to a certain area and designated areas for smoking. Vaping is not included but could be added to the ordinance. This item was tabled.

4. Update on River Fest 2016.

Mr. White gave an update on the River Fest.

5. Update on improvement projects: dog park, Texas Bank Sports Complex additional restrooms, 29th St. Sports Complex redevelopment, Bradford Park renovation and Middle Concho Park boat ramp.

Mr. White gave an update on improvement projects.

6. Consideration of future agenda items.

Follow up on an ordinance for no smoking in city parks, the multi-generational facility and summer events and programs.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Approved

