

**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. October 27, 2016 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Board members present were Mr. Louis Perez, Mr. Edward Dotson, Ms. Christina Woodard, Francis Jelensperger 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 3:30 p.m.

B. Public Comment.

None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the September 22, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Consideration of approving the July 14, 2016 amended meeting minutes.

Mr. White presented amended minutes since the original minutes failed to record the action taken on the Board's recommendation to proceed with the conception of a botanical garden at Civic League Park. Ms. Palos made motion to approve the amended minutes as presented. Ms. Woodard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A copy of the current ordinance is attached as a part of the permanent record. The Board discussed areas where smoking might be prohibited, assigning designated smoking areas, the cost of signs and monitoring and enforcing smoking in park areas. Ms. Theresa James discussed enforcement of the ordinance and options that make the ordinance easiest to prosecute. She also stated that one city ordinance accommodates City Staff that smokes by designating areas in parks that are not public. The Board also discussed banning smoking in areas where children play with the option of excluding the Lake Nasworthy area and the concern of fires that could be started from smoking in the parks. Ms. Carol Kohutek from Smoke Free San Angelo spoke on the public concern about including the parks in the original ordinance. Ray Valadez from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council also commented on a youth group environmental survey they conducted at Unidad Park. They counted litter from smoking at the park and stated that second hand smoke is a health concern for children at the parks. The Board recommended banning smoking in a similar manner as the ordinance at Odessa, Texas, with designated smoking areas, excluding the Lake Nasworthy Park area. The Board requested a draft ordinance be brought back for the Board's review.

4. Consideration of recommending an amendment to the park renovation plan funded by 4B Half-cent sales tax revenues.

Mr. White gave background information on the 4B half-cent sales tax park renovations. Renovation work on parks is performed in-house. The current plan for renovation is Brentwood Park, Brown Park and Santa Rita Park. The proposed revised plan is to continue with Brentwood Park and instead of Brown, renovate Unidad Park and then Santa Rita Park. The justification is that Unidad Park is heavily used, especially with the Red Arroyo Trail, it gets more use than Brown and is in deteriorating condition. The cost to renovate Unidad Park will be approximately \$300,000. The budgeted \$175,000 can be matched with grants and donated funds. A second option is to reduce the budget to \$125,000 and budget \$50,000 for Brown Park for some new playground equipment and repairs to the courts. The Board discussed the options presented and keeping or replacing the wheel chair swing. Mr. Jelensperger moved to accept the proposed amendment to the park renovation plan funded by 4B Half-cent sales tax revenues as recommended by staff. Ms. Palos seconded that motion which passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of recommending a resolution supporting the City's hosting the Texas Recreation and Park Society 2019 Institute and Expo.

Mr. White gave some background information on this item. The Institute and Expo was hosted at Angelo State University in 2008 and was successful. We would like to bid the 2019 Institute and Expo to be held at the McNease Convention Center. As a part of the bid packet we will need to include a resolution from City Council to commit staff time, resources and facilities to host the event. Ms. Woodard recommended moving forward with a resolution supporting the City's hosting the Texas Recreation and Park Society 2019 Institute and Expo. Mr. Dotson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. Report on efforts to determine the feasibility and development of a community recreation center.

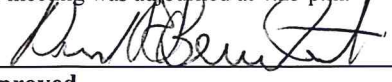
A sub-committee was formed to help determine the feasibility and how to move forward with the community recreation center project. The sub-committee includes City Staff and Board members, Louis Perez, Ed Dotson and Gloria Henderson. Arrangements will be made for a meeting with the committee before the end of the year.

7. Consideration of future agenda items.

Follow up on an ordinance for no smoking in city parks, the community recreation center. The next meeting falls on a holiday and will be rescheduled for December 8. There will be a department luncheon on December 9th at the Ft. Concho barracks 6.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



Approved