

**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. January 26, 2017 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Board members present were Mary Palos, Gloria Henderson, Donald Barnhart, Francis Jelensperger, Edward Dotson, Christina Woodard, Laurie Dicello and Kenneth Dierschke.

Staff members present were Mr. Carl White, Mr. Roger Havlak, Mr. Mike Hitchcock, Mr. Jason Campbell and minutes were recorded by Mrs. Ida Rios.

I. OPEN SESSION (3:30 p.m.)

A. Call to Order.

Mr. Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

B. Public Comment.

The Board recognized 3 departing members, Louis Perez, Mary Palos and Gloria Henderson and welcomed 2 new Board members, Laurie Dicello and Kenneth Dierschke. Mr. White introduced the team of AmeriCorps youths working with the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Brittany Donovan explained the program to the Board and discussed the work they are doing with the Department. Mr. Barnhart also recognized the Department for receiving the Complex of the Year Award for the Texas Bank Sports Complex.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the October 27, 2016 meeting minutes.

Mr. Jelensperger made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as recorded. Mr. Dotson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the Board.

Mr. Jelensperger nominated Mr. Barnhart as the Board's Chair. Mr. Dotson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations the Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Barnhart as the Chair. Mr. Dotson nominated Mr. Jelensperger as Vice-Chair seconded by Ms. Woodard. Mr. Jelensperger nominated Mr. Dotson as Vice Chair. There was no second. The Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Jelensperger as Vice-Chair.

3. Consideration of recommending matters related to adoption of an ordinance to limit smoking in the parks and any action thereto.

A copy of the discussed changes was provided to the Board. The Board discussed the definition of smoking and whether the ordinance includes e-cigarettes or vaping, the disposal of cigarette butts and adding trash receptacles. The Board also discussed smoking in concession areas, parking lots and vehicles. Mr. Dierschke recommended adding concession areas and parking as no smoking areas to the ordinance. Mr. Dotson made a motion to accept the ordinance as written, Mr. Jelensperger seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 for and 1 against.

4. Consideration of a request from Freedom Fellowship Church to use golf carts to shuttle attendees from the parking lot off Concho Ave and Magdalen St. to the church during Sunday morning services.

Mr. White gave background information on allowing access to the Freedom Fellowship Church to the trails with golf carts. Staff recommends the approval of this request. The Board discussed the kind of carts and sharing the trail with pedestrians. The Board also discussed City Ordinance 10.10.004 which does not allow the use of golf carts "on any sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, jogging path, park trail or any location normally used for pedestrian traffic". Mrs. Theresa James stated there is a need for clarification of the ordinance before moving forward. Ms. Dicello encouraged the church to use the street instead of the path to transport members. The Board did not take action on this item.

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

Mr. Brent Casey presented the Board a report from the committee on a new recreation center. A copy of the report is attached as a part of the permanent record. The report detailed what the committee would like to see in a center based on the needs of the Department and recommended developing a conceptual plan to help move the project along. The Board discussed fees for the programs and competition with other centers. The Board also discussed looking at a phased approach to the development of building. The committee will continue to meet and added Ms. Dicello and Mr. Dierschke. The Board was asked to consider who might be interested in partnering with this project.

6. Consideration of future agenda items.

Future items requested are an update on the dog park and the botanical garden. The next meeting will be on February 23, 2017.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Approved