

**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. February 23, 2017 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Board members present were Donald Barnhart, Francis Jelensperger, Edward Dotson, Christina Woodard, Laurie Dicello, Bitsy Stone and Kenneth Dierschke.

Staff members present were Carl White, Roger Havlak and Mike Hitchcock and minutes were recorded by 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.

None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the January 26, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Discussion of the park related endowments and recommending matters related to participation in the San Angelo Area Foundation's "San Angelo Gives" campaign.

Mr. White presented information on the San Angelo Area Foundation and endowments that relate to the Parks & Recreation Department. "San Angelo Gives" is a program where these endowments can accept donations during a 24-hour online fundraising event hosted by the San Angelo Area Foundation. Donations are eligible for amplification funds increasing each donation and can also help a nonprofit win "Prize Money" that will be awarded throughout the day. The Board must approve participation in the event. The Board discussed the different endowments and the possibility of starting a Recreation endowment. Mr. White stated that Mr. Matt Lewis with the Area Foundation could speak to the Board and the cost to start an endowment is \$10,000. Ms. Bitsy Stone made a motion to approve the participation of park related endowments in the "San Angelo Gives" campaign. Ms. Dicello seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Report on the plans for a botanical garden at Civic League Park and recommending any related matters.

Mr. Havlak, Parks Senior Manager, updated the Board on the botanical garden at Civic League Park. A copy of that report is attached as a part of the permanent record. Ms. Suzi Marshall, Chair for the San Angelo Garden Club spoke to the Board. The Garden Club is raising funds for conceptals by a landscape architecture firm. This will be presented to City Council for consideration and then a 501(c) 3 can be formed. Fundraising events at Civic League Park are the "Lily Fest" and "Strolling with the Lilies" on September 24, 2017 and in 2018 the International Convention will be held in San Angelo. The Board also discussed including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for their Gold and Eagle Awards. Also the cost of the project will be easier to estimate once the conceptals are done. The Board also discussed a leasing agreement to run the garden, cost, the process to follow for a lease and responsibilities of both parties.

4. Report on the development of the new dog park and recommending any related matters.

Mr. White updated the Board on construction of the park. The fence has been installed and the park is currently closed to pour concrete walkways and for irrigation, electrical work, tree planting and landscaping. An Eagle Scout will work on a landscape project that includes planting trees. The project should be complete in March/April 2017. The Board discussed treatment for ticks and fleas and a Grand Opening Event.

5. Report on Recreation events, programs and tournaments and recommending any related matters.

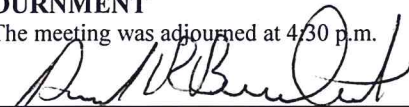
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6. Consideration of future agenda items.

Future items requested are an update on the Community recreation center, Brentwood Park, pool hours, terms for the botanical garden agreement and a calendar of events for Recreation. The next meeting will be on March 23, 2017.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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



Approved