

**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. March 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 3:30 p.m.

B. Public Comment.

None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes.

Mr. Jelensperger 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 the use of some fields at Producers Park for a new kickball league and recommending any related matters.

Mr. White presented some background information on this item and introduced Ms. Bonnie Bouher, the organizer of the league. Ms. Bouher stated that they could have 5-12 teams. The set up provided the Board can support up to 14 teams. The game is played with a cup of liquid in hand. There will be alcohol but it will not be sold nor will glass containers be used. The Board discussed the need for signage, availability of space, police security and the sale of alcohol by the City's concessionaire. The cost per person is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, cup and processing fee. A portion of the fees will go to a local charity. Mr. Dierschke made a motion to approve the special event application. Ms. Woodard seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of the upcoming pool season and schedule and recommending any related matters.

Mr. Brent Casey presented a copy of the current times for the 2017 pool season. A copy of the fees and times is attached as a part of the permanent record. One proposed change to the schedule for this year is to open the pool for River Stage Concerts on May 6 and May 12. One change for staffing for this year is that all pool employees will be hired through the City's Human Resources office instead of contracting staff out.

4. Consideration of key terms for an agreement with a 501(c) 3 for lease of the Civic League Park for a public botanical garden and recommending any related matters.

Mr. Roger Havlak introduced information on this item. Possible terms of the agreement for a Botanical Garden are attached as a part of the permanent record. The Board discussed the terms of the agreement, the cost of maintenance and the City's contribution to maintenance of the garden. Ms. Suzi Marshall, Chairperson for the Botanical Garden group stated that they have a signed contract with Mesa who will guide them through the process of getting approved. The first meeting will be April 6 and should have a conceptual drawing in 90 days. There are several fundraisers in place including the Lily Fest and possibly the sale of benches or other amenities. The cost for conceptals will be \$13,000. The Board discussed naming rights, adding the project to the CIP as a future project and the similarities or difference in other contracts for the operation of City property by outside agencies.

5. Discussion of the proposed smoking ordinance amendment and recommending any related matters.

A copy of the report on the proposed amendment is attached as a part of the permanent record. Council approved the amendment but gave direction to fine tune the language to better define amenities and their boundaries. At a Leadership San Angelo meeting mock council meeting they asked for designating areas for smoking. The Board also discussed how the ordinance will be enforced. Brandon Dyson, Assistant City Attorney explained that the term amenities is such a broad term and the ordinance could be changed to name specific amenities and then add any language for any other amenity specifically designated by a sign. The Board discussed designated areas, the cost of signage, the definition of amenities and the designation of fifty feet. Mr. Ray Valadez with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, spoke on changing the "culture". Being outdoors is for health reasons and many would like to enjoy clean air and in hope to reduce smoking in public and this ordinance can help change the "culture". Mr. Jelensperger made a motion to change the ordinance wording to state that smoking is prohibited within 50 feet of park playgrounds, pavilions and any other location identified with "No Smoking" signs. Mr. Dotson seconded the motion. The motion passed with six approving and one opposed.

6. Discussion of the proposed community recreation center and recommending any related matters.

This item was tabled.

7. Discussion on the renovation of Brentwood Park and recommending any related matters.

Mr. White presented an update on the renovation of Brentwood Park. A fourth public meeting was held to get public input on vacating a public road through the center of the park. The request to vacate the road will have to go to Planning and City Council for final approval. The Board discussed what will happen with the vacated street, placement of the playground equipment and parking. Some possibilities for the vacated street are parking or pathway for bicycles. The park will include a pavilion, new playground equipment and walking paths. The design should be finished by April and work may begin the end of spring possibly early summer and should take 14-18 months to complete.

8. Discussion of the annual river Fest and recommending any related matters.

River Fest will be held on September 16, 2017. There are plans for a concert on Friday. The same general key activities, like washer pitching, inflatables and kids activities, peewee football tournament and concerts under the bridge. A new activity is a BBQ cook-off. Goal is to secure \$30,000.00 in sponsorships.

9. Discussion on park maintenance and inspections and recommending any related matters.

Mr. Havlak presented a report for the Board a copy of the report is attached as a part of the permanent record. Mr. Mike Hitchcock discussed with the board park inspections and work orders.

10. Consideration of future agenda items.

Future items requested is an update on San Angelo Gives in May. The next meeting will be on April 27, 2017.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.


Approved