

**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. April 27, 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 and Kenneth Dierschke. **Staff members present** were Carl White, Brent Casey, Roger Havlak and Mike Hitchcock and minutes were recorded by Ida Rios.

I. OPEN SESSION (3:32 p.m.)

A. Call to Order.

Mr. Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

B. Public Comment.

None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Mr. Casey presented some background information to the Board. A copy of the committee's report and a briefing packet draft is attached as a part of the permanent record. Department staff met with Mr. Matt Lewis, CEO & President of the San Angelo Area Foundation and discussed additional ideas on locations and partners. The Board recommended including an article for the Standard Times about the community center. In addition, the Board discussed marketing for the project, advertising public meetings and partnering with Howard Taylor with the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

3. Consideration of the use of Northside Recreation Center and recommending any related matters.

Mr. Casey gave background information on the Northside Recreation Center. As of March 22, the Recreation Division has received the center. Our programs are in need of another gym so the center can be used as a third summer camp location and another gym for basketball season. There has been some interest in using the center. A private school, a business and Southside Boxing have all inquired about the center. The boxing club and business will require exclusive use of the center. Staff is asking for the Board's recommendation for the option of opening it up and using the center with the funds that we have and putting out a request for proposal for an organization that can collaborate with us and share use of the gym. The Board discussed sharing the gym, the condition of the building, room for expansion, and the storm water drainage or flooding in the area. The Board recommended keeping the facility for recreation needs and possibly allowing shared use.

4. Update on the completion of the dog park.

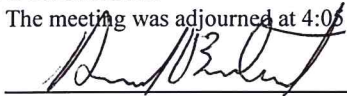
Mr. White gave an update on the development of the dog park. Part of the challenge has been that due to the rain we have not been able to put up the fence at the location first proposed. The large area, already fenced will be divided to form two parks. Trees have been planted and a pocket park will be installed on the Millbrook St. side between the parking lot and dog park entrance. Fencing will be completed and irrigation work done so that it can possibly be opened by the end of May. An Eagle Scout will be working on some of the landscape for his Eagle Scout project.

6. Consideration of future agenda items.

Mr. Dierschke would like to see copies of the department budget. The Board would also like to discuss future parks and improvements both funded and unfunded. Also, the Board would like to discuss the issue of prairie dogs at Mary Lee Park.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



Approved