

**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. June 22, 2017 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Board members present were Donald Barnhart, Edward Dotson, Francis Jelensperger, Christina Woodard, Laurie Dicello, Bitsy Stone 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 (3:31 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 May 25, 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. Presentation on the botanical gardens concepts and recommending related matters.

Mr. Randy Marshall with the San Angelo Garden Club presented information on the botanical garden. He discussed the steps they have taken to start the garden. They are working on obtaining 501(c) 3 status. The committee has chosen a landscape architect from the Dallas area, MESA Design Group. Some things they would like to see as a part of the garden are a connection to the river trail, a wedding venue, a theatre on the river and parking space. The Board supports the committee's work and are willing to help as needed. The Board discussed cost and looking into grants for help with expenses. The Board suggested building in stages to help with costs, as well as, adding the plan to the City's web page to make the public aware of the project. A copy of the concept has been attached as a part of the permanent record.

3. Report on the parking lot project at Station 618.

Mr. Knapp presented an update on the church and additional parking. Part of the space will be the original Presbyterian Church with a restroom and small kitchen that will be available for rent for small events or weddings. Parking options were presented to the seniors participating at Station 618 and the option that most were in favor of was angle parking. There would be an additional 37-38 parking spaces. SKG and Gary Donaldson, architect, will be helping with the design and utilities for the space which will become part of the Old Town Conservancy. Plans will go to the City's Planning Department for final approval. The Board discussed the trees drawing grackles and lighting for the area. The project will cost approximately \$80,000 including parking and landscaping. The agreement with Old Town is that they will pay for the design and construction of the small church. A lease amendment with Old Town will go to Council after the property survey.

4. Discussion on prairie dogs at Mary E. Lee Park and recommending related matters.

Mr. White updated the Board on removing and relocating the prairie dogs. Adding a prairie dog town at this location is not ideal due to the Gateway Study that programs a hotel and commercial development for much of the park. The Board discussed relocation of the Nature Center and adding the project to the Capital Improvement Plan. There are only a handful of relocation vendors. Mr. White presented a video on the capture and relocation process by Lynda Watson and discussed the fees. The Board recommended inviting Ms. Watson for a day and return to the Board with results and cost.

5. Discussion on a proposal to prohibit dog in playgrounds and recommending related matters.

The Department received a complaint about a dog making a family uncomfortable in the playground. Currently the City Ordinance allows dogs as long as they are on a leash. The Board discussed the availability of the Dog Park and trails but there is no legal authority to prevent dogs from being in playground areas without an ordinance. Jaime Tabor commented that an ordinance would help to enforce keeping dogs on a leash. The Board recommended that Mr. White include information in an article to get the word out and bring this item back for discussion on fines and court costs for violations.

6. Discussion on proposal to rent the large pavilion at Kirby Park and recommending related matters.

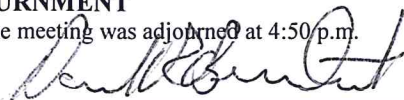
Mr. White gave background information on the pavilion. Fees have already been approved by Council for this fiscal year so if changes are made, this will need to go to Council for approval next year. The Board discussed establishing a policy, deposit, fees and the responsibility of renters. The Board discussed establishing a definition for large groups, rental agreements, signs and notifying the public. The Board asked to return with this item with additional information on ideas and costs.

7. Consideration of future agenda items.

The regularly scheduled meeting for July is canceled. The next meeting will be August 24, 2017.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Approved