

Following notice and publication, a regular called meeting of the *Park Commission* took place on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Kenneth McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Commissioners present at the meeting were Ms. Bitsy Stone, Ms. Allison Watkins and Mr. Don Griffis.

Staff present was Mr. Carl White, Mr. Roger Havlak, Mr. Mike Hitchcock and minutes were recorded by Ida Rios.

I. **Call to Order**

Mr. Griffis called the meeting to order at 11:02 p.m.

Public Comment

None

II. **Consent Agenda**

1. Consideration of approving the January 29, 2015 meeting minutes.

Ms. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Griffis seconded the motion. A vote was taken with the motion passing unanimously.

III. **Regular Agenda**

2. Update from Two Pro Management on the maintenance and operation of the Santa Fe Golf Course.

Mr. Dwain Poss gave an update on the Santa Fe Golf Course maintenance and operation. Projects include painting the signs, roofing the shop, flower beds, reinforcing doors for the maintenance shed and new benches. Some concerns are theft, water rates. The Commission discussed the daily watering schedule and had questions about the roof leaking.

3. Update on a new bicycle trail proposal which includes areas from Randolph Street to 1st Street.

Mr. Lance Overstreet with Engineering presented information on a Pedestrian Access Improvement Project with Transportation grant funds to improve trail systems. The Project will create shared bike lanes through the Santa Fe Park. The center line of Veterans' Memorial Drive would be shifted to allow bicycles on the North side of the street with signage on the north side. SAPD would help enforce no parking on the North side to make the lane bicycle friendly. The project will be open for bids in August, hopefully go to Council in September and construction to begin sometime in October to December.

4. Discussion on the issue of locks being placed on the high pedestrian bridge.

Mr. White presented background information on "commitment locks" on the City's bridges. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommended removal of all locks from all bridges leaving only the locks on the heart sculpture located at the Lone Wolf Bridge. Mr. Griffis recommended writing a newspaper article explaining the new policy for "commitment locks" that would allow citizens to remove their locks before the city removes them.

5. Discussion and possible action on new inflatable play equipment policy for Kids' Kingdom Park.

Mr. Havlak gave background information on the City's inflatable policy. In the past the policy did not allow staking inflatables. The inflatable companies have requested a change in the policy due to safety concerns. The new policy allows staking in designated areas only at five of the most popular pavilions which includes Kids' Kingdom Park. Ms. Watkins made a motion to approve the Policy for Use of Inflatable Play Equipment on City Parks at Kids' Kingdom Park. Ms. Stone seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on landscape and structure improvements from Randol Street to 1st Street.

During the 2015-16 fiscal year, several trees along the River were trimmed, treated and fertilized. The Commission discussed working with the electrical company on tree trimming.

Atmos and TXU donated 285 trees that were planted from 2014 to 2016 in a statewide effort to replant trees lost from the drought. Landscaping was done along the River, the Texas Healthy Communities provided twelve bicycle racks and six 'fixit' stations. LED lights were vandalized and so covers were installed to prevent further vandalism. The Little Free Library was also replaced due to vandalism and a new "Expression Swing" was installed at Kids' Kingdom. The Commissioners discussed working with the County for youth offenders to perform community service in the Parks.

7. Discuss the ongoing efforts to establish the Civic League Botanical Garden Master Plan.

A committee was formed and met at Civic League Park to discuss and establish a Botanical Garden. To start the process, a master plan was developed with three stages. Mr. Havlak discussed the three stages of the master plan. The plan will go to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for conceptual approval.

8. Update on River Fest events.

A copy of the report is attached as a part of the permanent record.

9. Discussion of future agenda items.

There are no future items at this time.

IV. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved: Don W. Guffis