

**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. October 26, 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 (3:30 p.m.)

A. Call to Order.

Mr. Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. Public Comment.

Mr. Barnhart commented on the success and completion of the Dog Park and the grand opening.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the September 28, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Discussion on the proposed improvements to Sunken Garden Park and the Sculpture Garden and recommending any related matters.

Mr. White presented background information and estimated budget on proposed improvements to the Sunken Garden Park. Mr. Howard Taylor, Director for the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts spoke to the Board. A copy of his presentation is attached as a part of the permanent record. The Board discussed adding a gazebo and shaded seating in addition to the proposed improvements. The idea was presented to City of the San Angelo Development Corporation who has expressed an interest in the project.

3. Report on the sewer line project that will be installed in Sulfur Springs Park.

Mr. White presented background information and introduced Andy Vecellio, Project Engineer with the City of San Angelo. Mr. Vecellio updated the Board on the sewer line improvement project. Contractors will begin working in January. The project begins at the Santa Fe Golf course. A copy of the overall map is attached as part of the permanent record. The public has been notified of the project through public forums.

4. Discussion on an idea to move the downtown skate park to another park and establish a food truck court at Bart DeWitt Park and recommending any related matters.

Mr. White presented background information on the Bosque. The intent was to have a food truck court at the Bosque but logistically it is difficult for trucks to enter the area. Parks & Recreation staff do see a need in the community and would like to provide an area for a food truck court. The downtown skate park was created in 2003 but the use has declined over the past few years. Staff suggests relocating the skate park to another area and open up the slab for a food truck court. One concern is the need for a commissary. The Boy Scouts are willing to provide an area for the commissary. The Board discussed a need for an agreement to show commitment to the project. The Board asked if the food truck vendors were organized or if they had formed some type of coop. Ms. Marla Ferguson owner of Chincharo Tacos and Adrian Soto owner of Senor Chang, spoke for the group. Their concerns include the rental space price, who will be managing the park and being a part of the planning. The Board discussed the increase in food trucks, demographics, the contract with the San Angelo Host and the sale of alcohol. The Board decided to bring this item back at a later time to allow the food truck vendors to get organized and to hold public forum meetings for further discussion.

5. Discussion on the terms of the proposed agreement for the International Water Lily Collection and recommending any related matters.

Mr. White presented background information on this item. The proposed agreement with Mr. Landon is similar to the existing agreement. One change is the dates in order to line them up with the City's fiscal year. There is no provision for an extension. The Board discussed transition to another organization once the contract is complete and what will happen to the lily collection. Mr. Jolly spoke for Mr. Landon and expressed some concerns with the contract, the need for a greenhouse at the Civic League site and the need for an annual increase to cover cost of living expenses. Mr. Landon addressed the Board. No formal recommendation was made but the consensus is to extend the agreement and allow staff to negotiate the terms of the agreement.

5. Discussion on the proposed community recreation center and recommending any related matters.

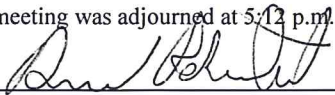
Mr. Casey updated the board on this item. The Board recommended finding partners so staff has met with the San Angelo Area Foundation and the YMCA who is wanting to expand their facilities for after school care.

7. Consideration of future agenda items.

There will be no meeting in November and the December meeting will be moved to December 6, 2017. Future items for discussion are the food truck court public forums, state of the parks, needs for a master plan and a possible survey.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



Approved