

**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., May 24, 2018 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

**Board members present** were Francis Jelensperger, Laurie Dicello, Edward Dotson, Debbie Wilson, Bitsy Stone, and Kenneth Dierschke.

**Staff members present** were Carl White, Brent Casey, Roger Havlak and Mike Hitchcock, Sandra Aguilar and minutes were recorded by Ida Rios.

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

**A. Call to Order.**

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

**B. Public Comment.**

None.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Consideration of approving the April 26, 2018 meeting minutes.**

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

**III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT**

**2. Report from Mr. Matt Lewis of the San Angelo Area Foundation on efforts to re-envision Santa Fe Park.**

Mr. Matt Lewis presented some background information on the San Angelo Area Foundation and updated the Board on efforts to re-envision Santa Fe Park. A copy of his report is attached as a part of the permanent record. A committee was formed and a request for qualifications (RFQ) was made for urban design, landscape architecture and engineering professions for park and open space Master Planning and Design Services for an eventual community engagement and Master Plan. The plan would include connectivity to Civic League Park, Sunken Garden and Santa Fe Park to Chadbourne along the North Concho River. The Dunaway firm was chosen and SAAF will work with them to prepare a summary for other foundations, donors and the City's consideration with a goal of starting a master plan process in the fall of 2018. As a community wide project, SAAF wants to be sure that the community supports the idea. The Board discussed connecting other areas of Santa Fe Park, including Sunken Garden, Kids' Kingdom, the Bosque and Civic League Park. Planning will include what the citizens need and want and what is affordable and feasible. Mr. White updated the Board on Sunken Garden Park. City Council approved money for the design of the park improvements at the sculpture gardens.

**3. Consideration of a request from "The Vessel Church" to rent facilities at Santa Fe Crossing for six months for church services on Sunday mornings for \$1,000 a month (discounted from \$1,680) and recommendation of related matters.**

Mr. White presented background information on this item. We have received a request for the long-term rental of rooms at Santa Fe Crossing from "The Vessel Church" for six months. Considering the staffing costs, utilities, wear and tear on the building and unforeseen maintenance costs, staff recommends approving the request at a fee of \$1,150 per month. The Board's recommendation is necessary as well as Council approval in the form of an agreement with the church. The Board discussed the time and use of the facility on weekends and consistency in costs for the separate facilities requested. A representative of the church, Mr. Ryan Connel, discussed with the Board that the church is young and does not have a home facility. The Board discussed the possibility of re-negotiating the agreement after six months if they have not found a home. Mr. Dierschke made a motion to approve the request for the Vessel Church to rent Santa Fe Crossing for a period of six months at \$1,150 a month. Mr. Dotson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**4. Report from representatives of the Lake Nasworthy Homeowners' Association of Parks and Recreation related items and recommendation of related matters.**

Mr. Jelensperger gave some background on this item and recommended that staff list funded and unfunded projects along with projects that are on the Capital Improvement Plan and those that need to be added, then allow the HOA to prioritize projects that they would like to see completed. Once the HOA has a list of priorities, those items can be taken to the public for guidance in how the public would like to see the funds spent. Mr. White went through a list of projects. The Board discussed the process for adding items and funding CIP projects, including the need for an infrastructure upgrade to the restrooms to handle the increase of people along with the commercial development of the parks. The Board also discussed the fact that there are other projects that are not related to Parks & Recreation. The Board also discussed the use of portable toilets for the park on busy weekends. This item was tabled for another meeting.

**5. Consideration of a request from Sprint to place a 100' tall (50' x 50' base) tele-communications tower at Brentwood Park and recommendation of related matters.**

Mr. White presented background information on this request. A good portion of the property is in a flood area. Staff does not recommend approval of this request and has recommended alternative locations where the homes would not face the tower. There are other possibilities for the tower location, however, Sprint was not open to the other locations we offered. Sprint has offered financial compensation in the amount of six to seven thousand dollars a year. Mr. Dierschke made a motion to deny the request to install a communications tower at Brentwood Park. Ms. Dicello seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Updates on ongoing matters: speed limit reduction request at Spring Creek Park and efforts to facilitate food truck vendors as they relate to Parks & Recreation.**

The first public reading on the speed limit change is scheduled for June 5. This item will take two readings since it is an ordinance and could be in place by the end of June. Staff held a public hearing with regard to food trucks. The results of that meeting are that the City will not be involved in facilitating a food truck court but the City has made it easier to become a food truck vendor. An itinerant merchant permit is no longer necessary and all the information will be available at the Health Department so that it is easier to become a vendor.

**7. Consideration of future agenda items.**

Future items to consider are updates on the Santa Fe Park re-envisioning and Lake Nasworthy improvements. The next meeting is June 28 and the July meeting will be moved up to July 19.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

  
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