

**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 26, 2014 in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Dr, San Angelo, Texas.

Board members present were Mr. Donald Barnhart, Ms. Debbie Cross, Ms. Susan Gober, Ms. Julia Lane, Ms. Gloria Henderson and Mr. Louis Perez.

Staff members present were Mr. Carl White, Mr. Roger Havlak, Ms. Maryann Vasquez and Mr. O.J. Williams. Minutes were recorded by Ms. Sandra Aguilar.

I. OPEN SESSION (3:30 p.m.)

A. Call to Order

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

B. Public Comment

Mr. Carl White introduced O.J. Williams, new Recreation Supervisor. Mr. Williams briefly gave the Board some background information on himself.

Mr. Howard Taylor spoke about the Museum of Fine Art's national sculpture competition and display and working with the Parks Division. The Museum would like to return with a proposal to lease the area where the sculpture display is and make some improvements.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the April 2, 2014 meeting minutes.

Mr. Barnhart made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with corrections. Ms. Cross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Update on progress of the creation of a public museum (at the old Vogel Blacksmith shop) partly located on Bart DeWitt Park and consideration of approving matters related thereto.

Mr. White gave background information on this item. Mr. Eggemeyer spoke about the process of the creation of a public museum. Mr. Howard Taylor discussed updates on Heritage Center development, the Barrows Foundation Museum and old Vogel Blacksmith shop. Mr. Taylor will be working with Mr. Eggemeyer to develop a plan and work with volunteers to help set up and maintain an agricultural museum. Mr. Taylor stated that they would like to come back to the Board in September or October with an update where they will be able to show the plans and some progress. Gates are opened every morning and closed about 6:00 p.m. In working with the Barrows Foundation there may be in the future a donation box but prefer the idea of the museum being free. Mr. White asked the Board for direction on the public museum and lease with the City. Mr. Barnhart made a motion to revisit the issue at the October meeting, making a final decision before December 31 on whether to extend the lease with the following specific goals being addressed: maintenance of the back part of the lot, permanent master interpretive signage and a written strategic plan. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of approving the use of funds from the Recreation Water Customer Donations to help pay for a summer "movie in the Park" program series for 2014.

Ms. Vasquez discussed showing movies in the park. There are six different parks that have recently been renovated. This would be a good opportunity to showcase the parks and the community can enjoy a movie with their family. Funds for this program are from donations through the water bill. We are asking the Board if this is something you are interested in doing with the donation money. The original intent of the money was to provide family oriented events without the expectation of generating revenue in return. The Board discussed sponsorships, costs, commercials and the competition with Downtown Movie Night. Ms. Henderson made a motion to use funds from the Recreation Water Customer Donations to help pay for a Summer Movie in the Park program series for 2014. Mr. Barnhart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of the dog park, including its location, proposed park rules and update on fundraising and consideration of approving matters related thereto.

Mr. White gave an update on the fundraising for the dog park. The fundraising is being done through "First Experiences." They are approaching \$50,000 of the \$75,000 goal. The last event was a dog walk at Unidad Park. This weekend will be a Glow Run at Kirby Park which we hope will move us past the \$50,000 mark. The area being considered for the dog park was flooded with the last rain we had so we will need to take this into consideration when the sponsorship boards are installed, as well as the location of trash cans and doggie bag dispensers. The Swim and Racket Club is open to the idea for an easement to utilize their parking lot. The Board also discussed different areas with available parking.

5. Discussion of Lake Nasworthy Parks, including boat ramp projects, boat ramp access and other lake park related matters.

Mr. White updated the Board on the two boat ramp projects. One project is funded by a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant. We are waiting for a permit for that project. The second is at Spring Creek Park. It will serve both the public for recreational use and the annual boat races. On the 15th we will ask City Council for additional funds for this project. Originally, volunteers were going to help with this project, but that help is no longer available so we will need to contract this project out or do parts in house and will need additional funds. The paddlewheel steamboat license agreement has been successfully negotiated. On July 15 this item will go to Council.

6. Discussion of River Fest 2014, including sponsorships, schedule and logistics and consideration of approving matters related thereto.

Mr. White updated the Board on the River Fest. An item will go to City Council on the 1st to give them an update. Council approved the event without allocating money to the project but to raise sponsorship money for the event. Money raised so far is almost to the \$20,000 goal. Additional funding will help to offer more in terms for concerts for Saturday. Events will include a Color Up Run which is a revenue generator. In addition, the Lily Fest is tied in along with a golf tournament, activities at the art museum, street performers, paddle boats, bocce ball, Vega washer pitching tournament, chili cook-off, a Glow Walk and much more.

7. Updates on summer programs and activities, the new pickleball courts, Pete Chapa Park, Santa Rita gate and the pool season.

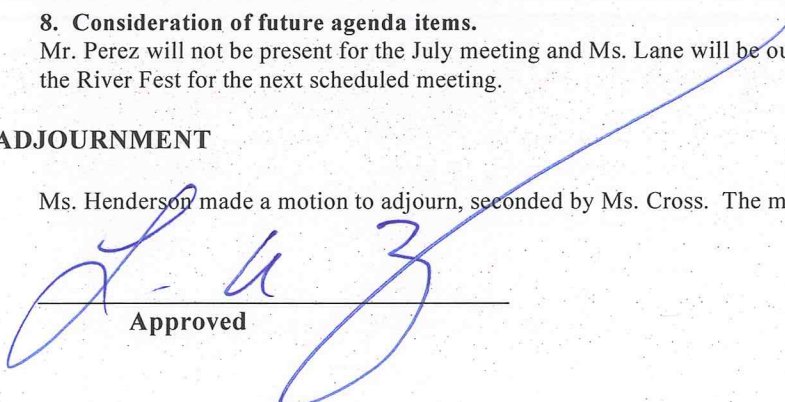
Ms. Vasquez updated the Board on summer programs and activities. Mr. White discussed Pete Chapa Park. The playground equipment was removed since the park was downgraded to open space. Keep Paint Rock Beautiful requested the playground equipment. A legal document was taken to City Council to transfer ownership to them. This will be transferred over to them later this summer. Santa Rita Park gate has been installed as well as a pickleball court. There have been a few complaints about the gate but so far it has worked out well.

8. Consideration of future agenda items.

Mr. Perez will not be present for the July meeting and Ms. Lane will be out in August. The Board may consider an update on the River Fest for the next scheduled meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Henderson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Cross. The meeting was adjourned.



Approved