

Minutes
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Held at Civic Center – CMO Conference Room 202
March 2, 2010
6:30 PM

Members absent: Susan Fischer

City Council Liaison in attendance: Bob Townsend

PARC Staff in attendance: Michael Massey, Robbie Hazelbaker, Roger Scott, Melanie Sprott, Geoff Wright

CMO Staff in attendance: David Morgan

Attending Commission Members:

Kendal Hartley – Chairman

Laura Maczka – Member

Ed Hassler – Member

Amit Vaghela – Member

Bob Dubey – Vice Chairman

Kenan Brandes – Member

Dave Anderson – Member

Jeremy Thomason – Member

1. Chairman, Kendal Hartley, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Visitors: None.
3. Chairman's Report:
 - a. Introduction of New Park and Recreation Commissioners
 - Chairman Kendal Hartley introduced new Park and Recreation Commission members Dave Anderson and Jeremy Thomason who introduced themselves and other Park Commission members had round table introductions as well.
 - b. Reappointment of Existing Park and Recreation Commissioners
 - Director Michael Massey informed members that there were a few reappointments that needed to take place and City Secretary Pam Schmidt would complete the reappointments in the near future.
4. On a motion by Ed Hassler, seconded by Laura Maczka, the minutes of the February 9, 2010, regular meeting were approved as written.
5. Huffhines Athletic Fields Ribbon Cutting Presentation:
 - Director Michael Massey presented photographs from the Huffhines Athletic Fields ribbon cutting which included comments from Assistant Directors Robbie Hazelbaker and Roger Scott.
6. Presentation: CVB – Dine Smart, Dine Local:
 - Michael Massey introduced the Superintendent of Convention and Visitors Bureau and Civic Center Geoff Wright who presented on the new program from the CVB with a partnership from local restaurants called Dine Smart, Dine Local.
7. April 15th Priority List Discussion:
 - Assistant City Manager David Morgan presented current financial outlook of the City and reviewed current 2010 Bond Program information.
 - Director Michael Massey began discussion regarding the April 15th Priority List with comments and handouts from proposal that member Ed Hassler had drafted for Commission.
 - Commission reviewed document and made changes.
 - Vice Chairman Bob Dubey commented that the document captured goals well but he recommends a change mentioning citizens and Commissions expectations during the upcoming budget year in regards to level of service.

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- Member Laura Maczka would like to see something in the document about understanding budget constraints. Mentioning the need for priorities. For example, maintenance at Breckinridge and other underserved areas of the panhandle.
 - Member Kenan Brandes wanted to know what had already been cut and mentioned that citizens that he communicates with are happy right now. Director Michael Massey read aloud to the Commission the cuts that were made to the department for the fiscal year 2009-2010.
 - Laura Maczka wants to keep the citizens happy but is concerned with future problems due to cuts made now.
 - Michael Massey agreed that he will draft the April 15th Priority List letter based on the feedback from this discussion.
8. The Director's report:
- a. Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival 2010 Report:
 - Assistant Director Robbie Hazelbaker reviewed current plans for this year's Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival. All bands have been booked and planning continues for all other areas of the festival.
 - b. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update:
 - Director Michael Massey reviewed current status of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. Staff is currently making updates from the Consultant and is planning for City Council to adopt a resolution this Spring.
 - c. Discovery Point Project Update:
 - Michael Massey reviewed the current status of the Discovery Point project. Funds are being raised by participating organizations and individuals and the project is hoping to be funded soon before beginning construction.
 - d. 2006 Bond Program Update:
 - i. Breckinridge Ballfields:
 - Assistant Director Roger Scott updated the Commission on the current status of the new Breckinridge Ballfields. Staff is planning for opening late Spring if the weather cooperates.
 - e. 2010 Bond Program Update:
 - This update was included in the 2010 Bond Program briefing given by Assistant City Manager David Morgan earlier in the meeting.
9. Being no further business, on a motion by Ed Hassler, seconded by AV Vaghela, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by
Melanie Sprott, City of Richardson Parks & Recreation Department*

Minutes approved at April 13, 2010, regular meeting:

Kendal Hartley, Chairman