

Minutes
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Held at Civic Center – Conference Room 202
November 12, 2013
6:00 PM

Members absent: Jeremy Thomason, Jeff Wright, Collin Hayes and Amit (AV) Vaghela
City Council Liaison in attendance: Kendal Hartley
PARD Staff in attendance: Michael Massey, Robbie Hazelbaker, Roger Scott and Kelli Keath

Attending Commission Members:

Bob Dubey – Chairman	Pam Krause - Member
Kenan Brandes – Vice Chairman	Kevin Williams – Member
Susan Fischer - Member	

Visitors: None

1. Chairman, Bob Dubey, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. On a motion by Susan Fischer, seconded by Kenan Brandes, the minutes of the October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved.
3. Chairman's Report
 - a) 2013 PARC Attendance Report
 - Chairman Bob Dubey reminded members that The City Council has established that an attendance record of 75% or better be maintained by Board and Commission members.
 - b) Tuesday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon
 - Chairman Bob Dubey reviewed the upcoming Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon and encouraged members to volunteer if available.
 - c) Thursday, December 12th - Boards & Commissions Appreciation Dinner
 - Chairman Bob Dubey noted the date and time for the upcoming Boards & Commissions Banquet. Formal invitations will be sent soon for this event.
 - d) 2014 PARC Meeting Schedule and Calendar Review
 - Chairman Bob Dubey reviewed the 2014 PARC meeting schedule. Mr. Dubey brought to their attention that the meeting scheduled in March was in conflict with RISD's Spring Break. He suggested that this meeting be looked at and possibly rescheduled during a future PARC meeting.

4. Director's Report

a) KDC CityLine Park Update

- Director Michael Massey updated the members on KDC CityLine Park. He described the negotiations with OJB Park Designers and his efforts to balance the needs of the park goer's wishes and the natural features of the existing land. Mr. Massey then commented on the need for input and guidance from the Park & Recreation Commission on the design and direction of CityLine Park. A discussion was then opened and feedback was received.
- All members recognized the value of the forest and expressed that they were passionately against the removal of any more trees.
- Chairman Bob Dubey summarized the discussion on this topic and shared that the City of Richardson should keep with the vision and philosophy of our Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan; that there is a need to expand, preserve and enhance the existing natural open spaces within new or existing parks to provide primitive recreational opportunities and habitat.
- Director Michael Massey stated that he and his staff will continue to represent the Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan needs on this future park development.

b) Skate Park Request from Richardson Youth

- Director Michael Massey shared with the members his experience meeting with Keimon Brown and Dario Xolalpa; two young boys who expressed their desire to have a public skate park in Richardson. He then reminded the members that although we do not have the land identified as the future skate park in Richardson, we should continue to seek locations for skate parks or skate friendly park facilities within future or existing park projects.

c) 2010 Bond Program Update

- Assistant Director Roger Scott gave an overview and summary on the 2010 Bond Program's completed projects, the projects still in design and or under construction and other capital improvement projects funded from grants.

d) PARD Staff Update

- Assistant Director Robbie Hazelbaker updated members on the recent Parks & Recreation Department staff changes. He highlighted that there has been a total of 8 promotions within the past 4 months. These changes were able to take place internally because of the enormous talent that already existed inside the department.

5. Park & Recreation Commission round table of community interest items
- Chairman Bob Dubey began the discussion with a thank you to everyone for being passionate and committed to the Parks & Recreation Commission. He will miss being a part of the important work that is done and wishes everyone the best in their future endeavors.

Mr. Dubey then left us with the following words:

“It’s been a great ride for me, from the rocket all the way down”. “You all have helped touch the lives of a lot of people, you continue the legacy and continue memories for many and I think that is part of what we do and I encourage you as you go across what we are doing to listen a lot before we talk and hear what people are saying and really represent the community. The community is passionate in Richardson. I’ll say that”

- Some of the other community interest items received included; a reminder that we have a Tree the Town initiative and the desire to remove trees by the developer in CityLine Park does not fit the culture in Richardson of planting trees and caring for existing trees (Kenan Brandes), the potential of Glenville Park if athletic lights were added (Kenan Brandes), how well Durham Park is loved by its neighbors (Susan Fischer) and that a task force has been created to focus on solutions for Mrs. Belle’s House (Michael Massey).

6. Adjournment

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Being no further business, on a motion by Susan Fischer, seconded by Kenan Brandes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kelli Keath, City of Richardson Parks & Recreation Department

Minutes approved at January 14, 2014, regular meeting:
