

Minutes
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
City Manager's Conference Room, 202
January 12, 2016
6:00 PM

Members Absent: Susan Fischer,

PARD Staff in attendance: Lori Smeby, Roger Scott, Sarah Patton

Attending Commission Members:

Jeremy Thomason – Vice Chairman
Collin Hayes - Member
Pam Krause - Member
Kevin Williams - Member

Jim Bailey - Member
Jeanne Hooker – Member
Gene Fitch, Jr. - Member

Visitors: No visitors

1. Vice Chairman Jeremy Thomason declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Vice Chairman Jeremy Thomason acknowledged that there were no visitors in attendance.
3. Pending the correction of a typo, the minutes from the November 10 regular meeting were approved on a motion from member Jeanne Hooker and seconded by member Jim Bailey.
4. Chairman's Report
 - Vice Chairman Jeremy Thomason mentioned that former chairman Kenan Brandes has moved out of state and City Council will name his replacement soon. Mr. Thomason briefly reminded members about the importance of attendance to Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and that the requirement is to make 75% of the meetings.
 - Mr. Thomason opened up the discussion for reports on park visits that Parks and Recreation Commission members are conducting. Members were given a calendar that member Pam Krause created reflecting the schedule of upcoming park visits and significant community events. Members briefly talked about their experiences in the parks, including interactions with park visitors. Staff members took notes on the reports and expressed gratitude for the commitment of the commission to evaluate parks. Members also spent time discussing Santa's Village and the Christmas Parade, both of which were considered successful.
5. Dog Park Event Paddock Fees
 - Director Lori Smeby stated that staff has been working to establish fees for the event paddock at Bush Central Barkway and City Council has it on the agenda for the January 26th meeting. Mrs. Smeby explained the process for renting the area and gave comparisons of other facilities that are able to be rented for private events. Similar to the requirements for

renting pavilions in parks, users will need to be a Richardson resident or Richardson business owner. After some deliberation, the commission members agreed that \$40 for 2 hours and an additional \$10 for every hour after that seemed to be very reasonable. On a motion from Kevin Williams and seconded by Pam Krause, the aforementioned fees were officially recommended to City Council regarding the rental of the event paddock at Bush Central Barkway.

6. CityLine Park Naming

- Director Lori Smeby shared about a new park being built near the CityLine development and asked for a motion to name the park. Mrs. Smeby briefly discussed the park's proximity to the development and the significance of the CityLine area. On a motion by member Gene Fitch, Jr. and seconded by member Jeanne Hooker, the Parks and Recreation Commission made the recommendation to City Council to name the new park CityLine Park.

7. Greenvue Park Naming

- Director Lori Smeby informed the Parks and Recreation Commission about a new park location at Greenville Avenue and Collins Boulevard near the newly built Greenvue Apartments. Mrs. Smeby explained the history of the area and after some discussion, members agreed on the name of "Collins Park." On a motion by member Pam Krause and seconded by member Jeanne Hooker, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended naming the property Collins Park.

8. April 15th Priority List

- Vice Chairman Jeremy Thomason asked Parks and Recreation Commission members to look over April 15th Priority Lists from the previous three years and begin thinking about specific recommendations for this year's list. Mr. Thomason explained that the commission will work on putting a draft together of the list during the February and March regular meetings.

9. Parks & Recreation Director's Report

A) 2016 Bond Update

- Director Lori Smeby updated members on the bond program that was presented to City Council. Mrs. Smeby shared about the items in the bond program that pertain to the Parks and Recreation Department. The propositions include playground renovations, two trail systems, updates on the Senior Center, and building updates at Canyon Creek Pool.
- Mrs. Smeby informed commission members that the McKamy Spring historical marker has been installed and member Pam Krause shared photos from the installation.
- Mrs. Smeby updated members on the hiring of Yvonne Falgout as Assistant Director of Recreation and Events. Mrs. Falgout comes from the City of Arlington and will be a great addition to the City of Richardson.

B) Capital Projects Update FY2016

- Assistant Director Roger Scott shared that Bush Central Barkway will be receiving the Texas Recreation and Park Society for Park Design Excellence statewide award in March, much to the excitement of commission members.
- Mr. Scott shared that since key projects from the 2010 Bond Program are completed, remaining funds are being used for other projects. Amenities are currently being added to Central Trail including benches and landscaping trees. The trail at Breckinridge Park is receiving repairs near the baseball complex. Custer Park is receiving additional benches after the recent playground renovation based on neighborhood feedback. Terrace Park tennis courts recently received new fencing, and Mimosa Park tennis courts will be receiving new fencing soon. Park restroom buildings at Yale, Mark Twain, and Berkner are undergoing roofing repairs. Heights Baseball/Softball Fields are receiving new fencing in the outfield and construction at the site is set to begin. Mr. Scott said that Lookout Park is anticipated to be complete by the fall. Work is 90% complete with University Trail, which will complete the trail around the University of Texas at Dallas.

10. Parks & Recreation Commission Round Table of Community Interest Items

- Member Jeanne Hooker shared that the Christmas Parade was a great success and the community seemed to enjoy it. Mrs. Hooker also stated that she is appreciative of the initiative of the commission to visit parks and offer feedback to staff.
- Member Jim Bailey said that he heard positive comments about Santa's Village and also shared that he is enjoying park visits and hearing from people that he encounters in the parks.
- Member Collin Hayes shared that he will continue to offer feedback on recreation facilities and parks as his family continues to use them.
- Member Kevin Williams shared about his experience in visiting parks, including opportunities to educate visitors about parks in Richardson.
- Member Pam Krause reminded Parks and Recreation Commission to get reports on their park visits to her in a timely manner so that she can compile the information before the next meeting.

11. Department Calendar Items

- Vice Chairman Jeremy Thomason mentioned a calendar of upcoming events that Parks and Recreation Commission members can utilize over the next few months.

12. Adjourn

- Being no further business, Vice Chairman Jeremy Thomason declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by
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Minutes approved at the January 12, 2016 regular meeting:
