

**Minutes**  
**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.**  
**City Manager's Conference Room, 202**  
**October 10, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**

*Members absent: Gene Fitch and Jim Bailey*

*PARD Staff in attendance: Director Lori Smeby, Assistant Director Dan Baker, Assistant Director Yvonne Falgout, Assistant to City Manager Taylor Lough, Superintendent of Athletics & Aquatics Chris Cottone, Corporate Recreation Manager Hannah Meek, and Administrative Secretary Paula Vieregge*

**Attending Commission Members:**

Jeremy Thomason - Chairman	Daniel Burdette – Member
Jeanne Hooker - Member	Steve Hendry - Member
Kevin Williams – Member 6:21 p.m.	Victor Garza – Member 6:15 p.m.
Pam Krause - Member	<i>Mabel Simpson – City Council PARC Liaison</i>

**Visitors:** None

1. Chairman Jeremy Thomason declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. There were no visitors in attendance.
3. Staff introduction: Lori Smeby introduced Hannah Meek, the new Corporate Recreation Manager.
  - Hannah shared her background with YMCA, and Special Olympics Texas.
  - Lori commended Hannah on her efforts with Corporate Challenge.
4. Approval of minutes.
  - On a motion from member Pam Krause, the minutes from the June 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved with the exception of one word to omit. Jeanne Hooker seconds the motion. Unanimously agreed.
  - On a motion from member Daniel Burdette, the minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup> tour meeting were approved. Jeanne Hooker seconds the motion. Unanimously agreed.
5. Richardson Legislative Program/Guide Presentation
  - Lori introduced Taylor Lough, Assistant to the City Manager, and Richardson's legislative liaison, gave a PowerPoint presentation briefing members on the recent legislative session held in Austin.
6. Parks & Recreation Athletics & Aquatics Presentation
  - Superintendent of Athletics and Aquatics, Chris Cottone gave a PowerPoint presentation covering the many areas of recreational activity and programs that the Athletics & Aquatics group manages.
7. Trail Visits
  - Members Kevin Williams, Daniel Burdette and Steve Hendry presented their findings of Central Trail, Glenville Trail and Duck Creek Trail, in a brief report, including a handout and photo collage, with discussion by the rest of the members.
8. Directors Reports
  - Lori Smeby reported on the Inclusive Playground.

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- Dan Baker spoke about finishing touches at Fox Creek Park & ribbon cutting; median updates at Renner Road & Custer Road; review of Duck Creek Trail - moving forward with detailed design; Canyon Creek Playground renovation.
- Yvonne Falgout presented a brief outline of the city's new ActiveNet registration database.

9. Department Calendar Items

- An error was noticed and it was noted that a revised version would be sent to commissioners the next day, 10/11/17.

10. Items of interest

- Multiple members gave kudos regarding Cottonwood art festival.
- Jeremy Thomason spoke about his neighborhoods upcoming picnic in the park; in addition, he requested the topic of ordinances, that restrict commercial use of neighborhood parks, i.e.: photographers taking homecoming photos at the Canyon Creek waterfall be put on a future agenda.
- There were no other items of interest.

13. Jeremy called the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Paula Vieregge, City of Richardson Parks & Recreation Department*

Minutes approved at November 14, 2017, regular meeting:

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Jeremy Thomason, Chairman