

Minutes
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
City Manager's Conference Room, 202
February 13, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Members absent: Gene Fitch, Jr.

PARC Staff in attendance: Director Lori Smeby, Assistant Director Dan Baker, Assistant Director Yvonne Falgout, Superintendent of Park Planning Kurt Beilharz, and Administrative Secretary Paula Vieregge

Attending Commission Members:

Jeremy Thomason – Chairman 6:06pm	Pam Krause – Member
Daniel Burdette – Member	Steve Hendry – Member
Victor Garza – Member	Amy Baker – Member
Jeanne Hooker – Member	<i>Mabel Simpson – Council Liaison</i>
Kevin Williams – Member	

1. Member Pam Krause called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm, and welcomed Amy Baker, as a new inductee to the Parks Commission group. The members went around the table introducing themselves to Amy. Introductions were completed when Amy Baker introduced herself.
2. Visitor welcomed: Chip Pratt, Canyon Creek HOA board member.
3. Approval of minutes.
 - January 9, 2018 minutes were approved unanimously with no changes; Pam Krause made motion to approve & Kevin Williams 2nd the motion.
4. Park Planning Division Report
 - Superintendent of Park Planning Kurt Beilharz provided a PowerPoint overview of the recently completed projects, current projects, and goals going forward.
5. Discussion Items
 - Photography in the parks, specifically Prairie Creek Park. The group discussed what can and can't be done. Brainstormed ideas were presented by Parks and Recreation Director Lori Smeby. Possibilities included a campaign to educate professional photographers on rules of engagement; the right way to use the park, with less impact. Visitor Chip Pratt shared the views of some of the neighborhood residents and HOA. Chairman Jeremy Thomason wrapped up the discussion stating that the group will reconvene this topic.
 - The group discussed last year's Annual Budget Letter items and determined a plan for making amendments. Chairman Jeremy Thomason will make the adjustments that are agreed upon. Estimated final due date by the April 10th meeting. Members

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Pam Krause and Kevin Williams volunteered to write draft letters, from the notes, taken during the meeting.

6. Directors Reports

- Woodland Park, by Dan Baker – confirmed this park is in the current bond program, to be replaced.
- Prairie Creek Park, by Lori Smeby – Lone Star Legacy award.
- Bike Sharing, by Lori Smeby – how these bikes are impacting the parks, and the plan for addressing this issue in the future. Staff will be instructed to move the bikes, to a bike rack or corral, for staging.
- 2018 Wildflower Festival, by Lori Smeby – mentioned information about the new employee who is taking over the singer-songwriter stage, Kathy Angelucci.

7. Department Calendar Items

- Trash Bash
- Job Fair – Assistant Director of Recreation and Events, Yvonne Falgout gave an update on the seasonal hiring.

8. Items of interest

- City Council liaison, Mabel Simpson mentioned Officer Sherrard's funeral services.
- Member Steve Hendry had questions about the property behind Glenville park/Twin Rivers. Director Lori Smeby mentioned that there is a master plan on the radar.
- Richardson Fire Department awards, acknowledged by member Kevin Williams.
- Member Pam Krause wanted the record to show congratulations to David Smith, who was recognized as employee of the year, by the Richardson Rotary Club. Also, complimented Serri Ayers and the Community Events team, for the work they did, on the vigil for Officer Sherrard.
- Member Amy Baker acknowledged the work done on past Wildflower festivals & was thankful for the Canyon Creek park dedicated to Vivian Joy Worlein.
- Chairman Jeremy Thomason recognized the team who put together the vigil for Officer Sherrard.
- Director Lori Smeby mentioned meeting attendance confirmations.

13. Chairman Jeremy Thomason called the meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM, on member Pam Krause's motion & member Daniel Burdette's 2nd.

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

Minutes approved at March 20, 2018, regular meeting:

Jeremy Thomason, Chairman