

Minutes
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Regular Meeting
City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
City Manager's Conference Room, 202
March 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Members absent: Kevin Williams, Victor Garza

PARD 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:

Gene Fitch - Chairman	Amy Baker - Member
Steve Hendry. – Vice Chairman	Nancy Crowe – Member
Pam Krause – Member	Drew Hayes – Member
Daniel Burdette – Member	

1. Chairman Gene Fitch declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Visitor – none
3. Approval of minutes.
 - February 5, 2019 minutes were approved unanimously with no changes; Daniel Burdette made motion to approve & Steve Hendry 2nd the motion.
4. Presentations
 - Superintendent of Park Planning Kurt Beilharz - presented the 2019 Parks Planning Division Update.
5. Discussion Items
 - Artist Selection for the Senior Center – Director Lori Smeby conveyed the need for a volunteer or appointee, from the Parks Commission group, to represent as a part of the Public Art Selection Panel Committee. Member Daniel Burdette volunteered to participate in the Art Selection Committee, after finding out there will be no conflict of interest.
 - Annual Budget Letter - The group went over the updates that have been made on this year's letter, item by item, and discussed, in detail. Chairman Gene Fitch will take suggestions and finish the letter.
6. Directors Reports/Project Updates
 - Spring Creek Trail, by Dan Baker – answered questions about the loop trail, near the Routh Cemetery.
 - Geico as Corporate Challenge sponsor, by Lori Smeby – Geico has signed on for another three years as Corporate Challenge sponsor.
 - Slides at Heights Aquatics Center, by Yvonne Falgout – encouraged group to go out and see the new paint jobs on the aquatic slides.
 - Aquatic staff update, by Yvonne Falgout – hiring status is very close to being fully staffed for summer.
 - Swim program registration, by Yvonne Falgout – classes and the registration process have been streamlined, so it's more efficient for parents to register online, and the revenues have gone up.
7. Department Calendar Items
 - Lori Smeby mentioned the Wildflower polo shirt ordering, and that a quick response is appreciated.
 - Yvonne Falgout shared information on: (1) Trailblazers teen group after hours special event; (2) Mother/Son Dance may be cancelled, due to lack of interest. Other options are being considered; (3) Inclusive Wild West Hoedown Dance is going to be well attended; (4) Evening with the Easter Bunny,

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revamping/growing after some small changes were made & changing how the egg hunt is conducted; (5) Cottonwood Arts Festival 50th Anniversary & Wildflower Festival are in preparation stages. Special things are being planned for both spring and fall Cottonwood festivals, to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

8. Items of interest

- Vice Chairman Steve Hendry – he and Nancy attended the first Bike Committee meeting. Future plans were discussed for connecting bike routes, and the Cotton Belt Rail Line / Trail system.
- Pam Krause - pass
- Daniel Burdette– enjoying seeing the SCNA perimeter trail & the preparation for the portals to be installed, also excited about the Inclusive Playground construction progress.
- Amy Baker – working on the WF! art guitar auction, and Network of Community Ministries is getting more involved; Stepping down from her post as parks commissioner, due to conflict of interest.
- Nancy Crowe – worked with parks department to add 12 additional trees at Crowley Park; asked if the city provides a resource or community educational program, such as an article in the Richardson Today newspaper, on tree trimming. Could also give to HOA presidents, to put in their newsletters.
- Drew Hayes – impressed with how well the parks are maintained.
- Chairman Gene Fitch – asked if Serri will be coming in to give a presentation on Wildflower Festival.

9. Chairman Gene Fitch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Krause made a motion, and Daniel Burdette 2nd the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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

Minutes approved at April 9, 2019, regular meeting:

Gene Fitch, Jr., Chairman