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PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Special Meeting
Held at Civic Center – Conference Room 202
August 13, 2013
6:00 PM

Members absent: Kevin Williams

City Council Liaison in attendance: Kendal Hartley

PARD Staff in attendance: Michael Massey, Roger Scott, Robbie Hazelbaker, Kelli Keath

Attending Commission Members:

Bob Dubey – Chairman

Kenan Brandes – Vice Chairman

Jeff Wright – Member

Susan Fischer – Member

Amit (V) Vaghela – Member

Collin Hayes – Member

Jeremy Thomason - Member

Pam Krause – Member

1. Chairman, Bob Dubey, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.
2. Visitors: Shanna Simms-Bradish, Assistant City Manager and Taylor Payton, Intern for The City Manager's Office.
3. On a motion by Susan Fischer, seconded by Kenan Brandes, the minutes of the April 9 2013 regular meeting were approved.
4. Chairman's Report:
 - a) Recognition of City Council Liaison, Kendal Hartley, Parks & Recreation Commission.
 - Chairman Bob Dubey introduced Kendal Hartley as the new City Council Liaison for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Hartley gave the members a brief summary of his experience after which the members gave him a warm welcome.
 - b) Calendar of Upcoming meetings.
 - Chairman Bob Dubey asked members to take note of and add to their calendars the upcoming September Regular and Special Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings.
 1. Regular Meeting September 10th
 - Director Michael Massey and Assistant Director Robbie Hazelbaker gave an overview of the topics to be discussed at the September 10th regular meeting which will take place in the City Manager's Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. Some of those topics to include a SVAA Study and the building of a multi-gym site.
 2. Special Meeting September 12th
 - Director Michael Massey outlined the September 12, 2013 special meeting which will take place in the Richardson Room at 6:00 p.m. The Park & Recreation and Arts Commission will meet together to discuss the Arts Master Plan.

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5. Park & Recreation Commission Round Table of Community Interest Items.
 - Member Kenan Brandes highlighted Chairman Bob Dubey's recent achievement in to the Hall of Honor, Texas High School Athletics Director Association.
 - Member Kenan Brandes expressed his interest in the 25 acre property located across from Huffhines Park which is now up for sale. He believes this land has potential and could benefit the City of Richardson.
 - Chairman Bob Dubey congratulated Jeff Wright on the new addition to his family, a daughter who is now 1 month old.
 - Member Collin Hayes commented on how pleased he is with his family's experience at the new Gymnastics Center.

6. The Director's Report:
 - a) Consideration of new dog park in Richardson, Texas.
 - Director Michael Massey gave a report on the two locations to be considered for the new dog park in Richardson. The locations include Breckinridge Park and George Bush Turnpike – SH 190 & US 75. A discussion was then opened at which time feedback and concerns were received from all members.
 - Director Michael Massey asked members for recommendation of preferred location for City Council consideration on September 30, 2013. A motion was made by Pam Krause and seconded by Collin Hayes to recommend the George Bush Turnpike – SH 190 & US 75 as the preferred location for the new dog park in Richardson. This motion was passed by a 5-0 and 2 abstaining vote.
 - Director Michael Massey asked members for confirmation of the Dog Park elements for the Richardson Dog Park as a recommendation to the City Council. A motion was made by Pam Krause and seconded by Kenan Brandes that the Parks Department did capture all of the preferred amenities at the George Bush Turnpike – SH 190 & US 75 Dog Park site. This motion was passed unanimously.

 - b) Study and address issues concerning Santa's Village.
 - Director Michael Massey gave a report on the issues concerning Santa's Village. He shared that a recommendation was needed on opportunities to reduce Santa's Village overcrowding. A discussion was then opened and feedback was received on the recommendation to fence Santa's Village and to charge admission.
 - After much discussion, the Commission decided to table the discussion and refrain from making a recommendation to City Council regarding Santa's Village. Further, the Commission would like to gather more information on who is attending this event. This information will be obtained by a zip code survey this coming year.

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- c) Twin Rivers Glenville Land Study Update.
 - Director Michael Massey reviewed the status of the Twin Rivers Glenville Land Study and encouraged members to attend the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2013 which will take place in the Richardson Room at 7:00 p.m. Votes will be made on which elements are most liked.

Being no further business, on a motion by Amit (V) Vaghela, seconded by Jeff Wright, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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

Minutes approved at September 10, 2013, regular meeting:

Bob Dubey, Chairman