

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 8, 2015

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks Board Room, 717 W. Main Street, Arlington, Texas. On June 5, 2015, notice of said meeting being posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, V.T.C.A., Government Code, with the following members and staff present, to wit:

Members:

Ms. Laura Capik	Chair	Place 5
Ms. Sue Phillips	Vice-Chair	Place 6
Ms. Dara Wandel	Member	Place 1
Ms. Donna Darovich	Member	Place 2
Ms. Deborah Spell	Member	Place 3
Mr. Kyle O'Neal	Member	Place 4
Mr. Willie Rodriguez	Member	Place 7-absent
Ms. Deanna Palla	Member	Place 8
Ms. Marty McGee	Member	Place 9
Ms. Courtney Wilson	Youth Member	Place 10-absent

Staff:

Lemuel Randolph	Director of Parks and Recreation
Matt Young	Assistant Director of Operations
De'Onna Garner	Parks Planning Manager
Michael Debrecht	Rental and Lake Services Manager

Guest:

Jeff Baker

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairwoman Capik called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. SPOTLIGHT

Rental and Lake Services Manager Michael Debrecht introduced Bill Mooreberg to the Board. Mr. Mooreberg is the First Assistant Golf Professional at the Tierra Verde Golf Course. He provided a brief work history and job responsibilities.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Capik asked for approval of the May 2015 Park Board meeting minutes. Ms. McGee made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Spell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

N/A

V. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Mr. Debrecht presented the park permits for Board approval. Ms. Phillips motioned for approval. Ms. Darovich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Rush Creek Dog Park Master Plan

Parks Planning Manager De'Onna Garner reviewed the Rush Creek Dog Park conceptual Master Plan. The proposed dog park features include: small and large dog areas, double entry gates, water fountains, pet waste stations, benches with shade, parking lots with lighting, and a rental and agility space.

Ms. Darovich asked how the new design would compare to the current Tails and Trails Dog Park in South Arlington. Ms. Garner replied that the park is comparable in size and has similar features.

A public meeting was held on May 5, 2015, at which community members were able to provide feedback to staff. The park's design is anticipated to be complete in March 2016 and begin construction July 2016.

Ms. Garner asked for Board approval of the proposed Master Plan. Ms. Phillips motioned for approval. Ms. Darovich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VI. PARD INFORMATON ITEM
Flooding Impact

Assistant Director of Operations Matt Young provided an update on the recent flooding issues as a result of the extended rainfall in May 2015. Mr. Young previewed a PowerPoint presentation identifying parks and trails that were significantly impacted. Staff is working diligently to ensure that all affected locations are restored and in safe condition for visitors.

Zip Line and Tree Top Adventure Course

Rental and Lake Services Manager Michael Debrecht discussed a potentially new attraction for parks in Arlington. Mr. Debrecht showed zip line and tree top adventure course options that could be integrated. Mr. Debrecht mentioned that the new features would be a unique park addition for residents and visitors to experience.

Mr. Debrecht stated that the contracted company would be responsible for the design and operation of the course. Staff will continue researching and as more develops the Board will be updated.

VII. PARB COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Planning and Development (Kyle O'Neal – Committee Chair)
Nothing to Report

Policies and Operations (Sue Phillips – Committee Chair)
Nothing to Report

Golf Advisory Committee (Willie Rodriguez)
Nothing to Report

Keep Arlington Beautiful (Donna Darovich)
Ms. Darovich reported on the Adopt-a-Spot program and potentially adoptees

Senior Advisory Committee (Deanna Palla)
Ms. Spell mentioned that Ms. Palla was recognized for her work as a member of the Senior Advisory Committee at the Luau event at the Eunice Active Center. Ms. Palla's term is set to expire at the end of the month.

Ms. Spell has now been elected vice president of the Senior Advisory Committee.

Arlington Tree Advisory Committee
Nothing to Report

VIII. SCHEDULED REPORTS

The following reports were provided in the Board packet

- Park Rentals Report
- Amplified Sound and Alcohol Permits

IX. ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PARB MEMBERS

Mr. Randolph briefly mentioned the recent updates related to the Senior Center and Multigenerational Center discussion. Staff has been directed by Council to provide additional data related to facility options and operating costs.

Ms. Capik personally thanked each Board member and staff as her position as Park Board Chair expires at the end of the month.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NOTE: Taped recordings of all Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings are a matter of public record and are kept on file for three months in the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, 717 W. Main Street, Arlington, TX. Written minutes are also kept and made available through the City website. Any Board member or interested party has the right to review these tapes and minutes at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office.