



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers Kitchen

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by the Chair, Lonnie Wilson.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: 5 - Chair Lonnie Wilson
Member Julio DeLeon
Member Helen Pereira
Member Bernice Ludvick
Member Jimmie Stone

Excused: 1 - Member Nathan Johnson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

A. Regular Minutes - April 14, 2015

Motion by Member Ludvick, seconded by Member DeLeon, to approve Regular Minutes - April 14, 2015 . The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Chair Wilson, Member DeLeon, Member Pereira, Member Ludvick and Member Stone

4. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

Staff handed the members a copy of the Senior Breakfast flyer along with a copy of the Parks Boards' Quarterly Report.

5. PUBLIC FORUM:

There was no one from the public present.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Department Updates

Mr. Moore spoke to the members about the budget workshop that had taken place on July 13, 2015. He told them about the capital improvement monies scheduled for the Parks Department. He advised that a lighted football field would be built at Dwight Hawkins and a lighted baseball field would be built at Manny Rodriguez. He stated that all the leagues who did not have a place to play would be able to utilize these fields.

Mr. Moore also told them about the public address system that would be added at Dewey Boster, which was needed, as well as the purchase of a bucket truck which would become a shared asset between the Parks Department and Public Works.

He stated that fencing around the perimeter fields and maintenance gates would be added to the front of Dewey Boster and at Dwight Hawkins. Mr. DeLeon asked when these projects would start and Mr. Moore responded that they would be starting the fields fairly soon. He also advised that he was already working with a contractor on the lights. Mr. Moore indicated that fencing would also be placed around the Veterans Park.

Mrs. Pereira asked if there were any places that offered other activities other than sports and Mr. Moore responded that there were none. He said maybe when a new community center is built. He said there are about 23,000 kids in the City.

Mr. DeLeon said there are a lot of things going on and he wished there was a way to promote it.

Mr. Moore continued to update the members. Grass had been planted at City Hall; the State Department had directed that sidewalks needed to be put in half a mile from elementary school; a business pro-forma will be prepared to outline the cost for a new community center and a stadium; the comprehensive plan and the strategic plan will be updated; and the City would be sprucing up the corridors.

B. Topics of Interest for 2015

The members had discussed, at a previous meeting, the idea of adopting one of the City's parks. Mrs. Brown had prepared all the information relevant to the adoption of a park, including the list of all parks that were already adopted and the ones that are available.

There was some discussion as the members asked Mr. Moore for additional information on the parks that are available. Each member had a different park in mind although they were not all familiar with the location of some. It was decided that they would table this item for the next meeting in order to acquaint themselves with the available parks.

Motion by Lonnie Wilson, seconded by Bernice Ludvick to table this item to the next meeting and for the members to take a look at each available park, at their leisure, and come back next month to discuss and vote on the park they wish to adopt. Motion was unanimous.

8. STAFF COMMENTS:

A. Next Meeting Date: August 11, 2015

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Moore advised that he would not be available for that meeting.

9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

The members were pleased with all the improvements that were going to take place in the parks.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Julio DeLeon, seconded by Helen Pereira to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Members voted unanimously.

Lonnie Wilson, Chair

Marlene Brown, Board Secretary