

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD/COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
PARKS ARTS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
400 COLLEGE
GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
OCTOBER 23, 2013
6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Partain
Emita Garcia
Jim Dart
Tony Lawrence
Sallye Moore
B.J. Nichols, Chair
John Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Pecor
Jonathan Head

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Herold, Director of Parks and Recreation; Danny Boykin, Recreation Superintendent; Tim Shinogle, Park Planning Manager; Duane Strawn, Parks & Lake Manager; Susan Henson, Horticulturist; Mae Smith, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

B.J. Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:30.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 25 2013 MINUTES

Jim Dart made the motion to accept the September 25, 2013 minutes. Sallye Moore seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. AWARDS

A special Recognition was given to Miguel Ipina, Elisa Sierra and Natasha Jones for their extraordinary efforts to save two lives at the Summit. Two members had heart attacks within two hours of each other.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizen Comments

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

Malcomb Price Dubiski Student presented information on possibly building a new Skate Park in Central Park.

Mr. Dart proposed having a special appointment of citizens who could oversee certain ongoing projects. This could help us increase our eyes and ears in the community. BJ Nichols and board approve the creation of a new committee and appointed Jim Dart to lead the committee. Emita Garcia offered to work with Jim Dart on the committee.

Carol Anderson Bell, Commission on Aging would like to see a person to oversee the work with Historical Society to help it have structure.

Dr. Carolyn Williamson was introduced by BJ Nichols. Dr. Williamson is the chair of the Commission on Aging. Dr. Williamson shared the commission's future projects. The Commission is planning several major conferences next year. The first conference is in February and will be for professionals. In March we would have a senior conference. There will be no charge for seniors. Also we will be translating Summit and Senior literature in Spanish.

The board approved combining our November and December board meetings. The combined meeting will be on December 4th.

We will be dividing our Building Services division into two areas. Parks will be over half and Finance will be over the other half.

VI. BUSINESS OF TREE BOARD

Susan Henson presented the September tree report and undated the board on all the festivities for the 2013 Arbor Day celebration.

VII. PARK BOARD REPORT

- Special Events
 - Recreation - (David Pecor & Jim Dart)
 - 10-25/26 Last weekend of Forest of Fear – Loyd Park
 - 10/25 Trick or Trail-Tony Shotwell Life Center
 - 10/25 Halloween Carnival – Charley Taylor
 - 10/26 Pumpkin Swim – Kirby Natatorium
 - 10/31 Street n Treat – Market Square
 - 11/1 Arbor Day festivities at the Uptown 6-8 followed by Vocal Trash at 8:20 pm.
 - 11/11 Veterans Day Service – Veterans Memorial
 - 11/23-24 Prairie Lights Sneak-a-Peek Run/Walk – Lynn Creek
 - 11/28 Prairie Lights kicks off
 - Disc Golf – (Jim Dart)
 - Major tournament and had top players throughout the country
 - Park is looking good but we do have a couple of trees down
 - The Summit – (Tony, Emita & Sallye)
 - Emita gave a report on the Summit members who were having trouble paying for extra activities. The staff has approved a 30% discount.
 - Our food program is the best program
 - We having started boxing
 - Aquatic fitness program
 - Power 10 and Zumba are combining
 - Volunteers to help with calling past members who haven't come back
 - Uptown/Market Square (Jonathan Head and Jerry Partain)

- Little Shop of Horror
 - Title of the Show
 - Monster Mash
 - Street n Treat – Main Street
- Dalworth Community Improvements (Jonathan Head & Sallye Moore)
 - No Report
- Golf/Golf Academy (Tony Lawrence & David Pecor)
 - Both academies are going great
 - Both instructors have an excellent junior programs
- P-3 2013 (Jonathan Head, Jim Dart & B.J. Nichols)
 - Handicap and Disable playground is still in the planning progress.
- Central Park Update
 - Staff has been researching many indoor and outdoor water parks to see what great ideas we might want for our recreation center. Staff, Council and City Manager's office trying to pull preliminary ideas and studies together. The new recreation center would be funded by the continuation of the current sales tax.

VIII. STAFF UPDATES

- Duane Strawn, Manager of Parks and Lake presented a report on the Maintenance projects for October, 2013.
- Danny Boykin, Recreation Superintendent presented a Recreation report on the events and programs for October, 2013.
- Tim Shinogle, Manager of Planning and Development presented a report on the CIP projects for October, 2013.

IX. PARK BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

- BJ thanked the Commission on Aging for being a part of our meeting.
- Thanks the Summit staff for all there wonderful work
- Try to go out to see the Forrest of Fear. It is wonderful.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

- We finally received the Lake Study
- Many things going on so come out and enjoy all the fun
- Arbor Day Celebration is going to be great please let Mae know if you will be attending.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD ON DECEMBER 4, 2013.



Mae Smith, Recording Secretary