MINUTES
PARK BOARD/COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
PARKS ARTS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
400 COLLEGE
GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
DECEMBER 4, 2013
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT
Jerry Partain	
David Pecor	
Emita Garcia	
Jonathan Head	
Jim Dart	
Tony Lawrence	
Sallye Moore	
B.J. Nichols, Chair	
John Stewart	

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

I. CALL TO ORDER
B.J. Nichols called the meeting to order at 5:33.

II. HOLIDAY DINNER

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2013 MINUTES
Emita Garcia made the motion to accept the October 23, 2013 minutes.
Sallye Moore seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS
Rosemary Reed from the Westchester sub-division spoke on the possibility of putting in lighting, benches and trash cans in their common area. She hopes that we would consider helping them making this a community park.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS
No business was discussed

VI. PARK BOARD REPORT
- Special Events
  - Recreation - (David Pecor & Jim Dart)
    - Prairie Lights
  - Disc Golf – (Jim Dart)
    - Tournament will not be this Sunday but we will be having two tournaments in January.
    - Park is being used frequently

        - Nutria causing damage to pond
        - Baskets are in and do we need to redesign where the basket go.
        - Retaining wall is falling
    - The Summit – (Tony Lawrence, Emita Garcia, John Stewart & Sallye Moore)
        - 14,000 visited the to the Summit
        - 4000 went to spa and aquacise
        - 7000 weight room and track
        - The Summit is a very social center
        - 1200 hours of volunteer
            - Help with Arbor Day
            - Susan Henson is a great resource
            - Garden Center/Green House Susan came in and help us setup a system to run the Green House
        - 4800 active members
        - 31 rental this month
        - 270 needs on our angel tree
        - Nutrition Program:
            - 1659 meals serviced
            - Christmas lunch on Dec. 20th
- Uptown/Market Square (Jonathan Head and Jerry Partain)
    - Arts students will be doing the "Empty Bowls" program
    - Market will be open for two more Saturday's
    - Main Street "Tree Lighting" is tomorrow
    - Annie starts on Dec. 6th
- Dalworth Community Improvements (Jonathan Head & Sallye Moore)
    - The progress is moving along
- Golf/Golf Academy (Tony Lawrence & David Pecor)
    - After the holiday's Tangle Ridge will start a new senior program. They will put the information in Summit newsletter
    - Prairie Lakes is looking good
- P-3 2013 (Jonathan Head, Jim Dart & B.J. Nichols)
    - No Report
- Central Park/Epic Recreation Center (B.J. Nichols)
    - No Report
- Parks Ball Fields, Playgrounds & Trails (Jerry Partain)
    - No Report

VII. <u>PARK BOARD CHAIR UPDATE</u>

- B.J. Nichols appointed Emita Garcia and Jim Dart to chair a new committee called the "G.P. PARakletes." Jim Dart addressed the board on the new committee. Mr. Dart stated that the G.P. PARakletes would bring initiatives before the Board and for those initiatives that are approved they would function as volunteer eyes, ears, hands and feet to assist in efforts to transform and maintain such initiatives.

- Two cities called regarding the E-Reading program and would like to start this program in their cities.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

- Prairie Lights is watching the weather for potential ice issues.
- Main Street is going to have a third day celebrating Tejano music.

VIIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD ON JANUARY 22, 2014.

J. Mae Smith

Mae Smith, Recording Secretary