



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 12, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Rowlett Community Center
5300 Main Street, Room D * Rowlett Texas 75088

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Ron Miller, Norman Tsao, Gabriel Palma, Karen Scholz, Erica Moss, Sonja Sackor

ABSENT: Norman Scown, Debby Bobbitt, Ken Romaine, Matt Grubisich

VISITORS: Maurice Overstreet, Don Davis, James McGee, Jr., Patricia Haynes

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Sebrena Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Michael Carmack, Parks Manager, Blake Holder, Athletics Coordinator.

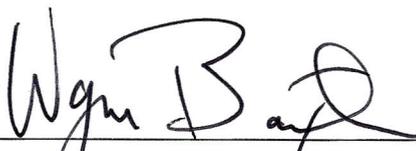
1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.
2. A quorum was present
3. Introduction of new staff members given by Jermel for Parks and Recreation, Athletic Coordinator, Blake Holder, Parks Division Manager, Michael Carmack, and Senior Administrative Assistant, Sebrena Smith.
4. Sonja motioned to approve minutes from September 9th, 2009 meeting, second by Ron Miller.
5. Ron Miller motioned to approve minutes from March, 2010 meeting, second by Lonnie.
6. Flying Club agreement discussions opened by Wayne Baxter. There is representation here from the club, Mr. James McGee, President and also a homeowner Mrs. Haynes, whom lives close to Springfield Park. We will open discussion and allow our visitors each a few minutes to speak.
 - April 20th City Council had a work session to discuss changes to the current agreement.
 - Requests being made to change sound testing procedures and to change times from the Fun Fly Day event.
 - James led discussion explaining the procedures of operation.
 - Wayne Baxter asked a question about how much sound there would be at 8:00 am for the Fun Day and for how long?
 - James stated this time would be for set-up so they could give more people a chance to fly.
 - Mrs. Haynes led the discussion with concerns concerning city ordinances. There have been many infractions and issues in the past. Mrs. Haynes suggests the contract stay the same as in the years past.
 - With new housing going in at Castle and Rowlett Road it is going to be more densely populated in the years to come.



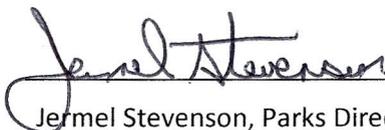
- The homeowners are afraid the Fly Club is asking to violate City Ordinance and if given approval this written agreement will over rule the ordinances. We believe the City needs to stay in control of these events.
 - Wayne asked Mrs. Haynes if she was aware that the City checks on the planes and also that the Parks Board was not involved with the approval of the contract with the Flying Club in the beginning.
 - Wayne advised that the Parks Board can be involved only in an advisory capacity. Council will be the one making the decision on this agreement.
 - Mrs. Haynes stated that is was the continuous noise that is the most disturbing not the noise itself, so the increase or decrease of decibels factor in very little to the homeowners.
 - Chair advises to make motion to advise City Council with different models of contract. Motion: Lonnie Second: Karen
 - Page 1 (1.05.F. Sound Test Procedures) suggestions: Board suggests keeping language in the 2009 contract instead of the proposed 2010 contract.
 - Page 2 (1.06.K Planes) suggestions: Board suggests keeping proposed 2010 updated version.
 - Page 3 (1.06.AB. Annual Fun Fly event) suggestions: Board suggests this be a separate item. Time schedule under this item on the proposed 2010 contract 1.06.AB. number 1 time schedule needs to start at a later time. Suggestions are 9:00 am or 10:00 am. The Board also suggests that the Annual Fun Fly event be approved yearly.
 - Page 4 (8.01 Terms of Agreement) suggestions: Board suggests the proposed 2010 contract with the Evergreen Clause. This will save each party time and if an issue arises it can always be reevaluated.
7. Discussion of ad space, Chair proposed motion to table this item until next meeting.
Motion: Karen Second: Ron
8. Update on Playful City USA Program was led by Jermel. We have made application. This program has help provide many cities with opportunities to apply for grant dollars from major corporations. We are excited to share these programs with the surrounding schools and also it is helping us to know what the schools are doing.
- National reviewer has called and we discussed some things we need to do on the Kaboom.org webpage
 - July 29th- We have a Play Day scheduled with the theme of "Come Out and Play".
9. Discussion concerning service day was led by Lonnie.
- Several churches are pulling together what is called Great Days of Service throughout the city where they will be painting items in the parks and fixing up some homes in the community.
 - Schedule for this day is going to be around June 12th or 19th due to the Memorial Day festivities in town they were concerned that they would not have many volunteers.



- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are doing many great things for our parks. It would be nice to join in with them to help.
10. Environmental Learning Center (ELC) is having great progress. The deadline for the Power Point presentation is this coming Saturday.
- Lonnie read a letter giving update on all the great things ELC is doing.
11. PARDners update discussion led by Norman.
- Wayne and Ron really drove the past event and we really appreciate everyone's support with this.
 - We were able to raise \$500.00 to \$600.00, our last tally.
12. Parks Board discussed changing the time of the meeting to 7:00 pm instead of the 6:30 start time for the summer months. The meeting place will remain the same. Wayne proposed a motion be brought forth to change the time.
- Motion: Lonnie Second: Erica
13. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
- Parks and Recreation attending workshop to hear Dr. John Crompton an expert on Parks and Recreation Community Center benefits, Economics of Parks, and Pricing for events and programs. Dr. Crompton is a professor at Texas A&M. The Board is invited to attend and Sebrena will send everyone the flyer to RSVP.
 - Touch-A-Truck event, Memorial Day, Saturday, May 29, 2010.
14. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matters have been properly placed on a posted agenda.
15. Sonja made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.



Wayne Baxter, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Parks Director