



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 9, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Debby Bobbitt, Ron Miller, Matt Grubisich, Sonja Sackor

ABSENT: Erica Moss, Karen Scholz, Norman Tsao, Norman Scown, Ken Romaine, Gabriel Palma

VISITORS: Maurice Overstreet

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Sebrena Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Keshia Randle, Recreation Division Manager.

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Ron Miller motioned to approve minutes from May 12th meeting, second by Sonja Sackor.
4. Jermel opened meeting with discussion about work session with City Council on June 1st, 2010.
 - Council took all recommendations from the Parks Advisory Board into consideration for the 2010 Flying Field's proposed contract.
 - Annual Fly Day is in the contract and the group still needs to discuss details.
 - Community Center is looking into waiving the Flying clubs inaugural event fees, discussions are ongoing.
5. Update on Playful City USA Program was led by Jermel.
 - Come Out and Play Days will have the combating obesity feature.
 - Grant opportunities from Kaboom (Playful City USA Program) are broad and come from many avenues.
 - Katy Park was a project we put into the Playful City USA application.
6. Discussion of goals and objectives for 2010 and 2011.
 - \$705,000 of impact fees available for Scenic Park.
 - \$550,000 is available for Katy Park from impact fees. Katy Park's HOA has some of their own funding they may be willing to give.
 - Katy Park grating has begun.
 - Dart is going to put in some landscaping at Katy Park.
 - Scenic Point Park- West end of the bridge, they are wanting this to look like Rockwall.



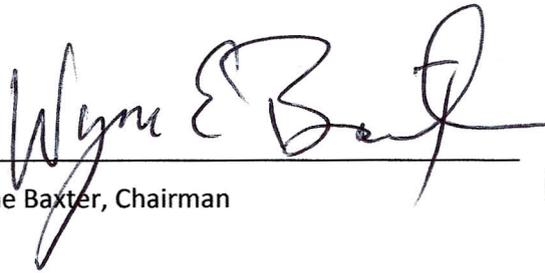
- \$80,000 left and will be put into upgrading soccer fields.
 - Soccer association donating \$5,000 for lightning warning system. City matching this amount for the system.
 - Discussion was brought forth concerning City of Rowlett trying to purchase Robertson Park from City of Dallas.
 - Esthetics of the parks in view of 190 will be very important. Board should discuss different ways to beautify these parks.
 - Wayne discussed more parking at Scrubbs Park, where across the street there is land for sale, located on the South side of Garner Road.
 - Parks and Recreation Department is working together with UNT to put together a Master Plan. They are helping us to put this plan together with very little cost to the City. They are looking to survey different parts of the City and asking them what they would like to see in their parks.
 - Matt would like to see some advertising in the Parks to bring in revenue.
 - Jermel suggested that the board get together and discuss contributions the Board would like to contribute to the Master Plan. Jermel suggested a joint meeting between the staff and the board after the initial meeting with UNT.
7. Service Day updates:
- Volunteers painting amenities within several parks. We have 7 to 9 teenagers and 4 adults.
 - Herfurth, Community, and Sherwood Parks will be our projects.
 - Lonnie stated they have set 1/2 of the day for top priorities.
 - Wayne and Jermel asked for some ideas concerning the Veterans Park Gazebo.
 - Keep Rowlett Beautiful may have some money to donate for a gazebo at Veterans Park.
 - Wayne and Jermel toured Veterans Park and agree that some life needs to come to the park.
 - Big round planters could be bought as well to touch up the Veteran Park area.
 - Lonnie agrees that the gazebo ties into the Main Street theme.
8. ELC updates concluded that KRB did not get to meet with City Council this year and wanted to maybe share their time in front of the City Council to bring forth their plans and objectives for the year. ELC putting together a PowerPoint presentation for the City Council meeting on July 20th.
9. Discussion concerning the Master Plan retreat with the University of Dallas will be postponed until after the meeting with UNT on Friday, June 11th. Jermel and the staff have an all day retreat to go over the initial plans and thoughts for the plan.
10. 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.



11. 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.

- Discuss advertising on ball fields.

12. Lonnie made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Ron Miller seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.



Wayne Baxter, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Parks Director