



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 16th, 2011
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Ken Romaine, Matt Grubisich, Debby Bobbit, Norman Tsao
ABSENT: Norman Scown, Donn Gilray, Jr., Jack Rinz, Gabriel Palma, Ronald Miller, Lonnie Cornwell
VISITORS: N/A
STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant for Parks & Recreation

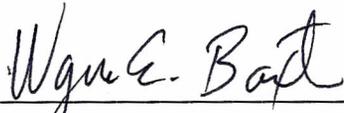
1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Matt Grubisich motioned to approve minutes from January 12th, 2011 meeting. Debby Bobbit seconded motion, 4-0 approval.
4. Wayne and Jermel gave update to the Board concerning use of Skate Zone by Christian City Church.
 - a. Jermel contacted the church concerning the Skate Park; Skate Park is not being used and we are not sure of the reasons. We will make another attempt to contact them to schedule meeting with Wayne and myself.
 - b. Wayne commented on the contract between Parks and the church concerning the Skate Park and its use.
 - c. Norman noted that he has heard that it costs a lot to keep the Skate Park going.
 - d. Wayne stated that there were over 500 police calls to the area where the Skate Park was located here in Rowlett at Herfurth per month. We are not sure if these calls were all related to the park; but this is a high number of calls to the park.
5. Meeting for the Water Mitigation scheduled for later part of next week with Matt, Wayne, and Ron Miller at the Community Centre.
6. Jermel gave update on the KaBOOM! Project.
 - a. Application for Bluebonnet Park has been submitted and we are awaiting more information for this. This school is near Herfurth Park.
 - b. Norman asked about the chances of us getting another playground built in Rowlett. Jermel stated to the Board that we are working with almost all new staff with KaBOOM; so they are going through their own changes. We are waiting to hear from them about this potential build.



7. Matt presented Board with information concerning a new program "Tree The Town". He explained that it is in the infancy stages; however, it is something that the Parks Board should get in on. The goals of this initiative are to plant 10 million trees in the DFW area in 10 years. This started in Richardson with the planting of over 10,000 trees.
 - a. Potential to be big and very successful; corporations are beginning to be involved.
 - b. Matt explained that we can make efforts to contact local businesses to plant on private property and not so much on city property due to the maintenance of the trees.
 - c. Matt stated that he doesn't mind spearheading these efforts to get this going. Suggests that the Parks Board join in the efforts by matching one-to-one tree plantings.
8. Jermel gave update on Katy Park.
 - a. Shrikel, Rollins, and Associates gave a presentation to Council in regards to Katy Park. Council tabled this item until the Master Plan is finished.
 - b. The citizens were promised this park several years ago and the money has already been allocated for the park.
 - c. Debbie Bobbit made motion to draft a letter to the Mayor and to Council to have the funds released for the Katy Park project. Seconded by Ken Romaine, 4-0 in favor.
9. Update on ELC tabled.
10. Jermel gave the Director's Report to the board.
 - a. The Little Sweetheart's Dance was held on Friday, February 11th and it was a huge success. All 275 tickets to this event were sold out. Attendees were given healthy snacks and great music to dance off the calories from the ice cream bar. They also had great giveaways. Each couple was treated to a 5 x 7 picture and a Caricature drawing. This was a great social development and bonding activity for dad's and daughters.
 - b. The first week of the Youth Basketball season is going well. There are 240 players in the league. The leagues typically have approximately 500 spectators at the Community Centre throughout the day to view the games. The season will continue through the end of February.
 - c. This summer the Wet Zone will operate without one of the water attractions. A presentation was provided to City Council on Tuesday, February 15th. The presentation included concerns relative to safety and our marketing plan.
 - d. Department is researching options to expand parking at Springfield Park and trail safety signs.
11. 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.
 - a. AARP Tax Aide—Service offered from February 2nd until April 13th.
 - b. Diversity day, Saturday, March 26th, 2011 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Rowlett Community Centre.
 - c. Senior Health Fair, Tuesday, April 5th, 2011 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Rowlett Community Centre.



12. 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.
13. Debby made motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Norman Tsao seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.



Wayne Baxter, Chairman



Jerrel Stevenson, Parks Director