



MINUTES

January 14, 2009 - 6:30 PM

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

5300 Main Street * Room D

Rowlett, Texas 75088

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Robert Kittrell, Ken Romaine, Norman Tsao, Jeff Jenkins, Karen Scholz, Ron Miller, Sonja Sackor, Debby Bobbitt, Norman Scown

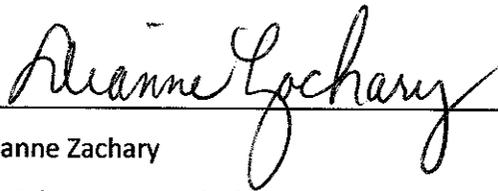
ABSENT: Ken Romaine, Ron Miller, Shelia Lucas

GUEST: Marvin Overstreet

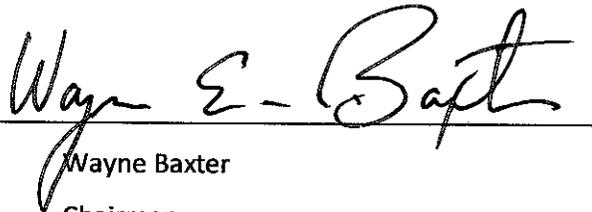
STAFF: *Tim Hightshoe, Interim Parks & Recreation Director*

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Baxter.
2. Oath of Office was tabled due to absence of a notary.
3. The minutes of the December 12, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as presented after a motion by Karen Scholz that was seconded by Lonnie Cornwell.
4. A quorum was present.
5. A discussion of recommendations for the Parks Subcommittee was led by Lonnie Cornwell. He explained the parks bond subcommittee will survey citizens on what their top three priorities from the Parks & Recreation Advisory, sports associations and Golf Advisory Board suggestions. The subcommittee would like to increase Parks share of the city budget since it is only .8% of the total budget.
 - Wayne Baxter suggested the board create solid recommendation to the subcommittee and rank them in order of important or priority to be integrated into input from the citizens.
 - Norman Tsao would like to update the Parks Master Plan.
 - Tim Hightshoe suggested that neighborhood parks should be the priority and trails have always been a priority. We need to look at whether the culture changed in the city since the Master Plan was developed.
 - Lonnie mentioned that in the citizen comments, an overwhelming number want an enclosed swimming pool in Rowlett.
 - The consensus of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that the priorities for the Bond Election subcommittee should be :
 1. Complete work on the Parks & Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2004, completing partially developed parks first, with Katy RR Park, Scruggs Park and Twin Star being done first.
 2. Tim is preparing a presentation at the request of Bill Barber, subcommittee chair that he can also present to the Parks Board.
 3. KRB is interested in the ELC completion as well.
6. The presentation on duties and responsibilities of Park Board Members and meetings was tabled until the February meeting. A motion to table the item until the new members are present was made by Lonnie Cornwell and seconded by Debbie Bobbitt, and the vote was unanimous.

7. 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 Bond Subcommittee meets on February 2 and 16.
 - RCC has given senior citizens a room from 8 am-1 pm daily, and staff is working on programs for the seniors.
 - Marvin Overstreet announced some of the seniors have talked to the Mayor concerning the senior situation at the RCC. Wayne Baxter explained that this matter cannot be discussed since it is not on the agenda. He suggested Mr. Overstreet take his issues to the Senior Advisory Board.
8. 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.
- Presentation on duties and responsibilities of Park Board Members and meetings.
9. Jeff Jenkins moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm and was seconded by Debbie Bobbitt. The vote was unanimous.



Dianne Zachary
Sr. Administrative Assistant



Wayne Baxter
Chairman