

Regular Meeting: Max W. Wells, President, presiding

Present: Max W. Wells, President; Jesse Moreno, Vice President; Celina Barajas, Barbara A. Barbee, Lawrence P. Hochberg, Sean Johnson, Lawrence S. Jones, Amy W. Monier, Susan Rader, Marlon Rollins, Raquel A. Rollins, Paul Sims, Robb P. Stewart, Yolanda F. Williams – 14

Absent: Rodney Schlosser - 1

President Wells convened the regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Raquel Rollins, seconded by Barbara Barbee, for approval of the minutes of the November 3, 2016 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3-8)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - MISCELLANEOUS

Agenda Item 3. Cedar Ridge Preserve (3) – A motion by Raquel Rollins, seconded by Sean Johnson, to authorize a twelve-month funding agreement with Dallas County Audubon Society, Inc. dba Audubon Dallas for Cedar Ridge Preserve in the amount of \$58,949 to provide services and programs within the City of Dallas for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 – Not to exceed \$58,949 – Financing: Current Funds [Administration and Finance Committee considered on 11/3/2016], was carried. The vote was unanimous.

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2016, by Resolution No. 16-1526, City Council approved funds to procure services from the Dallas County Audubon Society, Inc. dba Audubon Dallas for the citizens of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for official action to be taken by the City Council to define services to be received and authorize payment of these funding allocations during the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the contract with Dallas County Audubon Society, Inc. dba Audubon Dallas totaling \$58,949 be approved.

SECTION 2. That the President of the Park and Recreation Board and the City Manager are hereby authorized to execute the contract, after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make payments to Dallas County Audubon Society, Inc. dba Audubon Dallas from Fund 0001, Department PKR, Unit 5231, Object 3072, Encumbrance No. PKR17B012, Vendor 509534, as vouchers are processed by the Park and Recreation Department, not to exceed \$58,949.

SECTION 4. That services to be provided are as follows:

Operate and maintain the Cedar Ridge Preserve for twelve months providing access to the general public to 633 acres of escarpment and trails in Southwest Dallas, and provide environmental education programs on the ecosystem and presentations at community centers and schools.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

Agenda Item 4. Dallas Arboretum (9) – A motion by Raquel Rollins, seconded by Sean Johnson, to authorize a twelve-month funding agreement with Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc. in the amount of \$394,098 to provide services and programs within the City of Dallas for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 – Not to exceed \$394,098 – Financing: Current Funds [Administration and Finance Committee considered on 11/3/2016], was carried. The vote was unanimous.

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2016, by Resolution No. 16-1526, City Council approved funds to procure services from the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc. for the citizens of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for official action to be taken by the City Council to define services to be received and authorize payment of these funding allocations during the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the contract with the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc. totaling \$394,098 be approved.

SECTION 2. That the President of the Park and Recreation Board and the City Manager are hereby authorized to execute the contract, after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make payments to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc. from Fund 0001, Department PKR, Unit 5231, Object 3072, Encumbrance No. PKR17B010, Vendor 219121, as vouchers are processed by the Park and Recreation Department, not to exceed \$394,098.

SECTION 4. That services to be provided are as follows:

Operate and maintain the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden for twelve months for the general public to include special educational programs, community outreach services and sponsorship of a special summer program for disadvantaged children.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

Agenda Item 5. Texas Discovery Gardens (7) – A motion by Raquel Rollins, seconded by Sean Johnson, to authorize a twelve-month funding agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens in the amount of \$145,862 to provide services and programs within the City of Dallas for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 - Not to exceed \$145,862 - Financing: Current Funds [Administration and Finance Committee considered on 11/3/2016], was carried. The vote was unanimous.

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2016, by Resolution No. 16-1526, City Council approved funds to procure services from the Texas Discovery Gardens for the citizens of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for official action to be taken by the City Council to define services to be received and authorize payment of these funding allocations during the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the contract with the Texas Discovery Gardens totaling \$145,862 be approved.

SECTION 2. That the President of the Park and Recreation Board and the City Manager are hereby authorized to execute the contract, after approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make payments to Texas Discovery Gardens from Fund 0001, Department PKR, Unit 5232, Object 3072, Encumbrance No. PKR17B011, Vendor 219134, as vouchers are processed by the Park and Recreation Department, not to exceed \$145,862.

SECTION 4. That services to be provided are as follows:

Operate the Texas Discovery Gardens building and surrounding grounds at Fair Park for twelve months for the general public, and provide community outreach services such as enrichment classes for school children, horticulture information services and presentations at community centers and special facilities.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers:

1. Carol Bell-Walton regarding White Rock Lake Park.
2. Mellen West regarding White Rock Lake Park.
3. Elisabeth Akin regarding Flagpole Hill.

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE – MISCELLANEOUS

Agenda Item 6. Dallas Park and Recreation Department (All) – A motion by Amy Monier, seconded by Sean Johnson, to authorize a resolution of the City of Dallas Park and Recreation Board requesting the members of the 85th Legislative Session of the State of Texas to support legislation that provides a fair and equitable distribution of the sporting goods sales tax revenue for local and state parks - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) is requesting that Park and Recreation Departments in the State of Texas send resolutions of support for increasing funding for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Agenda Item 7. Federal Plaza (14) – A motion by Yolanda Williams, seconded by Lawrence Hochberg, to call the question, was carried by majority vote. A motion by Amy Monier, seconded by Sean Johnson, to authorize a public hearing to be held on January 11, 2017, to receive comments on the proposed use of a portion of parkland for an open space easement, totaling approximately 980 square feet of land at Federal Plaza located at 1900 Federal Street - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by majority vote. Paul Sims recused himself from discussion and voting for this item.

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas owns land in Dallas known as Federal Plaza, located at 1900 Federal Street, which has been maintained as parkland since 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Dalton Family, First Baptist Church, et al. has requested the use of 980 square feet of land as an open space easement, as required by City code for the configuration and construction of a parking garage adjacent to Federal Plaza, as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, because the use of this parkland is necessary to accomplish the purpose, and the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Dallas is agreeable to providing the property for this use; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for this use by easement, the Dalton Family, First Baptist Church, et al. will pay the fair market value of this easement, as determined by an appraisal; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 26 (Section 26.001 through 26.004), requires that before a municipality may approve any program or project that requires the use or taking of any public land designated and used as parkland, the governing body of such public municipality must determine that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use or taking of such land, and that the program or project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the remainder of the park; and

WHEREAS, prior to making this determination, notice must be given and a public hearing be held relative to the proposed change of park use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to give notice and hold such hearing in accordance with the law with respect to the utilization of Federal Plaza.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the Park and Recreation Department is hereby authorized and directed to advise in writing of such proposed use of the park property by delivering a notice for publishing to the official newspaper to be advertised once each week for three consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not less than one week nor more than two weeks before the date of the hearing, which shall be held in the City Council Chambers on January 11, 2017.

SECTION 2. That the approval of the aforementioned project by the City Council, at the close of said hearing, shall be construed as making the proper findings as to the use, taking, and conveyance of parkland, consistent with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

Agenda Item 8. Norbuck Park (9) – A motion by Amy Monier, seconded by Sean Johnson, to approve this item with amendments by Paul Sims and Robb Stewart, to authorize a twenty-year license agreement with Old Lake Highlands Neighborhood Association, reduce the neighborhood association fee \$10.00, and the monument sign requires Park Board approval, for approximately 930 square feet of land in Norbuck Park located near the intersection of Classen Drive and Northwest Highway, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

BACKGROUND

The Park and Recreation Department had previously granted the Old Lake Highlands Neighborhood the right to place a neighborhood portal in Norbuck Park in 1951. In 2003 and 2012 the agreement was renewed as a lease agreement. This proposed agreement replaces the existing lease agreement with a long-term license agreement.

This item authorizes a license agreement to the Old Lake Highlands Neighborhood Association for approximately 930 square feet of lane to occupy, maintain, and utilize a monument sign in Norbuck Park near the intersection of Classen Drive and Northwest Highway.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD - ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 9. A motion by Lawrence Jones, seconded by Celina Barajas, to authorize adoption of the proposed 2017 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Schedule - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

NON-ACTION ITEM

Agenda Item 10. Recent Police Activity in the Park System presented by Rick Watson, Deputy Chief, Dallas Police Department.

BRIEFINGS

Agenda Item 11. Ryan O'Connor, Senior Park and Recreation Manager, Park and Recreation Department presented Park Land Dedication Overview Briefing. A straw vote to move this item forward for staff proceeding with the implementation of the Park Land Dedication Ordinance for consideration by the Quality of Life Council Committee.

Agenda Item 12. Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department presented Dallas Park and Recreation Department Environmental Initiatives Briefing.

Agenda Item 13. Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department presented It's My Park Day Recap: Fall 2016 Briefing.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 14. 2016 National Recreation and Park Association Conference Reports presented by Yolanda Williams, Sean Johnson, Raquel Rollins and Marlon Rollins.

Agenda Item 15. 2017 Bond Program Update presented by President Wells. Mr. Wells shared the following letter with the Board:

Dear Mayor Rawlings and Members of the Dallas City Council:

The Park and Recreation Board requests the Park and Recreation Bond Proposition include a minimum of \$250M to address the backlog of park system needs totaling in excess of \$2.3B. The Park and Recreation Department has not been included in a bond program for 10 years, causing significant delays in implementing major repairs and replacements to aging park system infrastructure and facilities.

Focusing on the park system was the second highest priority proposition in a straw vote taken by the City Council and in citizen feedback acquired from the Bond Program Town Hall meetings. The Department's needs inventory is a compilation of requests by citizens to build and improve parks, trails and recreation centers.

Immediate needs to be funded in this \$250M request include:

- Implementation of Aquatics Master Plan Phase 2; including swimming pool replacements and four proposed sprayground installations
- Playground replacements and upgrades
- Land acquisition; particularly for athletic fields, new parks and trails
- Major projects with leveraged funding from private donors
- Facility replacements, renovations and repairs; including HVAC systems
- Major maintenance throughout the park system

Attached is the needs inventory specific to your council district, as well as, citywide projects.

We understand the pressing needs of the entire City and the limitation of the bonding capacity; however, we encourage you to please keep the park and recreation needs of your district in mind when determining the distribution of bond funds.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Max W. Wells, President
Dallas Park and Recreation Board

c: Dallas Park and Recreation Board
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager

Agenda Item 16. No Committee Reports.

Agenda Item 17. Park and Recreation Board Members Liaison Reports: Audubon Dallas/Cedar Ridge Preserve, Cultural Affairs Commission, Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Dallas Zoological Society, Downtown Dallas, Inc./Downtown Parks, Friends of Fair Park, The Friends of Katy Trail, Lee Park and Arlington Hall Conservancy, State Fair of Texas, Texas Discovery Gardens, The Trinity Commons Foundation, Trinity River Audubon Center, Turtle Creek Association, The Woodall Rodgers Park Foundation/Klyde Warren Park.

Paul Sims: Lee Park and Arlington Hall Conservancy.

Barbara Barbee: Texas Discovery Gardens.

Celina Barajas: Trinity River Audubon Center.

Agenda Item 18. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events:

Willis Winters: Future Park Board Briefings.

Oscar Carmona: Shana Hamilton, promoted to Manager III, Maintenance Services Division.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 19. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Agenda Item 20. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Marlon Rollins, to adjourn the meeting, was carried. President Wells adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Dawna M. Ray, Secretary
Park and Recreation Board

Max W. Wells, President
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NOTE: For more information on discussion of any issue heard during this meeting, refer to the tape recording retained in the Park Department's Central File.