

Regular Meeting: Robert Abtahi, President, presiding

Present: Robert Abtahi, President; Robb Stewart, Vice-President; Taylor Adams, Barbara A. Barbee, Harrison Blair, Calvert Collins-Bratton, Timothy W. Dickey, Jeff Kitner, Jesse Moreno, Terrance Perkins, Susan Rader, Rodney Schlosser, Ernest Slaughter, Sonya Woods - 14

Absent: Taylor Toyne - 1

President Abtahi called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: None

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Barbara Barbee, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 – 10)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

No Business

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

Vice President Stewart moved, seconded by Tim Dickey to approved items 3 - 10 on consent. Item number 8 needed to add a "W" to the rendering of the plaque in Tim Dickey's full name to read: Timothy W. Dickey. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3. Pike Park (2) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey to authorize interpretive signage in connection with the Santos Rodriguez sculpture at Pike Park located 2807 Harry Hines Boulevard – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Bahama Beach (3), Exline Park (7), Harry Stone Park (9) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey to authorize a professional services contract with TSIT Geotechnical & Consulting LLC for engineering inspection and testing services for the Phase 2 Aquatic Facilities Project at Bahama Beach Waterpark located at 1895 Campfire Circle, Exline Neighborhood Aquatic Center located at 2430 Eugene Street, and Harry Stone Neighborhood Aquatic Center located at 2403 Millmar Drive – Not to exceed \$191,645.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Funds (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Wheatland Park (8) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the professional services contract with Urban Engineers Group, Inc. for design and engineering services for a football/soccer complex at Wheatland Park located at 2115 West Wheatland Road – Not to exceed \$69,350.00, from \$49,150.00 to \$118,500.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6. Land Acquisition and Partnership Match Funding (Citywide) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey to authorize guidelines and procedures for the use of Land Acquisition and Partnership Match Funding in Proposition B of the 2017 Bond Program – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (**committee considered September 5, 2019**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Services Contract (Citywide) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize the first one-year renewal option to the construction services

contract with METCO Engineering, Inc. through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Dallas County, to provide job order contracting services for facility projects through November 7, 2020 – Not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, from \$4,000,000.00 to \$6,000,000.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Funds (2017 Bond Funds) (subject to appropriations), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8. SoPac Trail (9) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize dedication plaques for the SoPac Trail Phase 3 from Lakewood Boulevard to Trammel Drive – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote. – Tim Dickey wanted to request that the letter “W” be added to his name on the plaque to read: “Tim W. Dickey”

Agenda Item 9. Bachman Lake Projects Grant Application (6) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize **1)** application of a candidate project to Dallas County through the Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP) 7th Call for projects for the Bachman Lake Connection to the Champion Trail Feasibility Study, **2)** a required local match not to exceed \$150,000 - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (See Fiscal Information for potential future cost), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10. Bluff View Park (13) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize a contract for the construction of Bluff View Park Improvements Project located 4524 Pomona Road with North Rock Construction, LLC, lowest responsible bidder of three – Not to exceed \$218,643.70 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Funds (2017 Bond Program), was carried by unanimous vote.

President Abtahi skipped to Items 15 and 16 (Briefings).

DIRECTOR’S SEARCH

Agenda Item 11. Director’s Search – Closed Session – Review Director’s Search Committee’s recommendations for the Interim Director Position for the Park and Recreation Department

President Abtahi announced executive session under Texas Government Code 551.074 at 12:19 p.m.

President Abtahi closed executive session and convened in Open Session at 12:52 p.m.

Agenda Item 12. Director’s Search – A motion by Calvert Collins-Bratton, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to appoint John D. Jenkins as Interim Director to the Park and Recreation Department effective Wednesday, October 23, 2019 with the effective ‘Interim Pay’ increase of 5% as per the City guidelines regarding interim pay – Financing: Current Funds, was carried by unanimous vote.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 13. DART D2 Subway line (14) – A motion by Taylor Adams, seconded by Jesse Moreno to delay this item to the next meeting. Discussion among Park Board members occurred about the merits of delay. Ms. Adams withdrew her motion and moved, seconded by Jesse Moreno, to authorize the approval of a revised resolution for the further development of the concept that includes **1)** temporary use of Pegasus Plaza to enable construction of the Commerce Station with reconstruction of the park upon completion of the station construction, **2)** permanent use of a portion of Pegasus Plaza for a headhouse too allow access to the underground station, **3)** use of an easement for the construction of the subway under Belo Garden, and **4)** continuation of coordination with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) on future plans and agreements required for City Parks for the construction of DART’s D2 subway line in downtown Dallas – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (**Board briefed on September 5, 2019**), was carried by unanimous vote.

The revised language of the resolution reads:

SECTION 1. That the Park and Recreation Board ~~recommends~~ and DART agree to continue to discuss and further develop the concept of using the Pegasus Plaza site to

enable construction of the Commerce Station without the need for significant cut-and-over construction along Commerce Street;

SECTION 2. That the Park and Recreation Board ~~recommends~~ and DART agree that DART and the City of Dallas return to the Park and Recreation Board with an agreed upon fully integrated concept for a reimagined Pegasus Plaza that retains the spirit of the existing park while providing renewed purpose for Dallas citizens and DART riders alike; and,

~~**SECTION 3.** That DART and the City of Dallas consider how public restrooms could be incorporated into a reimagined Pegasus Plaza, and that the station headhouse incorporate safety and security elements that could enhance overall safety and security of Pegasus Plaza; and,~~

SECTION 3. That DART and the City of Dallas incorporate public restrooms into a reimagined Pegasus Plaza subject to community input. DART will also incorporate safety and security elements into the headhouse to enhance overall safety and security of Pegasus Plaza; and,

SECTION 4. That the Park and Recreation Board ~~recommends~~ and DART agree that City staff continue to coordinate with DART on agreements that may be required for City parks, using procedures in accordance with local, state and federal regulations

Agenda Item 14. Service Agreement (All) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Taylor Adams, to authorize a one-year professional service contract to provide a professional firm to prepare an Annual Park Visitor count and Downtown Parks Economic Impact Study – HR&A Advisors, Inc., most advantageous proposer of three – Total not to exceed \$197,000 – Financing: Mowmentum Park Improvement Fund (subject to annual appropriations) (**Board briefed on August 15, 2019**), was carried by unanimous vote.

BRIEFINGS

Agenda Item 15. Fair Park First Quarterly Report was presented to the Board. Brian Boykin, Manager of Park and Recreation introduced Darren James, Peter Sullivan and Brian Luallen of Fair Park First and Spectra who presented and were available to answer questions.

Agenda Item 16. Reverchon Athletic Field – Proposed Development, Maintenance and Operations Agreement was presented by Trent Williams, Senior Park Manager. Members of Reverchon Park Sports and Entertainment (RPSE) were present to answer questions.

Agenda Item 17. 2019 Summer Program Overview was presented by Crystal Ross, Assistant Director. Ms. Ross highlighted the summer overview and then presented a 2019 Community Partner Award to Ms. Diana Clark for her volunteerism/service to the Park Department and the children of Dallas for over 15 years.

Agenda Item 18. 2019 Aquatics Summer Season Overview was presented by Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director – President Abtahi deferred this item to the October 10, 2019 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Agenda Item 19. FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Budget Update was presented by John Jenkins, Deputy Director. Mr. Jenkins passed out a one-page synopsis of the Park and Recreation items approved by the City Council in their budget vote held yesterday, September 18, 2019.

ITEMS FOR SPECIAL BOARD CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 20. Randall Park (2) – A motion by Robert Abtahi, seconded by Jesse Moreno, to authorize approval of renaming of Randall Park to Willis C. Winters Park – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Agenda Item 21. Special Recognition of Park Board members Taylor Adams and Rodney Schlessor for their service to the Park Board

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 22. The Park and Recreation Board Members liaison reports regarding 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, Senior Affairs Commission, State Fair of Texas, Texas Discovery Gardens, The Trinity Commons Foundation, Trinity River Audubon Center, Turtle Creek Association, Turtle Creek Conservancy, The Woodall Rodgers Park Foundation/Klyde Warren Park were as follows:

NONE

Agenda Item 23. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department events.

Anthony Becker, Park Board Secretary, briefly announced the NRPA Conference in Baltimore, Maryland during the week of September 23, 2019. Mr. Becker asked those Park Board members who are travelling to see him after for further details.

President Abtahi reminded the Board that today is North Texas Giving Day.

Agenda Item 24. Next Park and Recreation Board will be held at Dallas City Hall on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

President Abtahi made a few closing remarks about this being his last meeting as his tenure on the Board has expired. The Board and Park Staff honored him and thanked him for his dedication and service.

Agenda Item 25. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 1:09 p.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary
Park and Recreation Board



Calvert Collins-Bratton, President
Park and Recreation Board

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.