

Regular Meeting: Calvert Collins-Bratton, President, presiding

Present: Calvert Collins-Bratton, President; Robb Stewart, Vice-President; Arun Agarwal, Barbara A. Barbee, Harrison Blair, Lane Conner, Timothy W. Dickey, Maria Hasbany, Jeff Kitner, Fonya Naomi Mondell, Amanda Schulz, Ernest Bo Slaughter, Taylor Toynes, Lorena Tule-Romain, Daniel Wood – 15

Absent: NONE

This was a virtual meeting held via Cisco Webex. The public were able to view the Open Session meeting on Channel 96 or on the internet.

President Collins called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers – The following people registered to speak. Some of the speakers might no longer have been available or connected when it was their turn to speak.

NONE

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee seconded by Daniel Wood, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021 Park and Recreation Board meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

### UPDATES

Director John Jenkins spoke about the current situation with COVID-19 and updated the Board. There were no updates.

Update on Park and Recreation Department's Response to the 2021 Winter Storm, Crystal Ross, Deputy Director – Ms. Ross provided a brief powerpoint outlining the update of damage repair

### CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 -7)

Items 3-5 were considered on Consent. Items 6 & 7 were pulled for Individual Consideration.

Agenda Item 3. Cadillac Heights (4) - A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Jeff Kitner, to authorize a professional services contract with Dunaway Associates, LLC. for conceptual design and surveying services for a park development plan for the Cadillac Heights Park - Phase I Project located near the 2900 block of Cedar Crest Boulevard - Not to exceed \$169,945.00 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Fund), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 City Hall Median (2) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Jeff Kitner, to authorize a construction services contract for the construction of Phase 2 of the Dallas City Hall Median Renovations Project along South Akard Street - C Green Scaping, only responsive bidder - Not to exceed \$290,511.40 - Financing: General Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5 Land Acquisition (Dowdy Ferry) (8) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Jeff Kitner, to authorize an acquisition from Dallas Hunting & Fishing Club for future parkland of approximately 121 acres of land located at 2400 Dowdy Ferry Road for development of a future park - Not to exceed \$810,000 (\$790,000 plus closing costs and title expenses not to exceed \$20,000) - Financing: Reforestation Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6 Katy Trail (2) – A motion by Fonya Mondell, seconded by Amanda Schulz to authorize site approval for the installation of a ~~donated~~ loaned artwork sculpture of at the Victory Overlook on the Katy Trail - Financing: No cost to the City, was carried by unanimous vote. – Kay Kallos from Office of Arts and Culture recommended the language be changed from 'donated' to loaned.

Agenda Item 7 Land Acquisition (Peterson Lane) (11) – A motion by Jeff Kitner, seconded by Maria Hasbany, to approve the amended language: authorize acquisition from Peterson Lane Partners LLC of approximately 71,093 square feet of commercially improved land (approximately 1.63 acres) located at 5580 Peterson Lane for the future Midtown Park - Not to exceed \$5,677,000.00 (\$5,650,000.00 plus closing cost and title expenses not to exceed \$27,000.00) - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2006 Bond Funds) ~~\$1,492,845.00~~ \$1,510,785.21; ECO (I) Fund (2017 Bond Funds) \$3,000,000.00; Valley View-Galleria Open Space Fund ~~\$231,241.67~~ \$213,301.46; Mall Area Redevelopment TIF District Fund \$652,913.33; Equity Revitalization Capital Fund \$300,000.00, was carried by unanimous vote.

### **BRIEFINGS**

Agenda Item 8. Friends of Oak Cliff Park Annual Update – M. Renee Johnson, Assistant Director. Ms. Johnson introduced Ms. Ellen Fitzsimmons of the Friends of Oak Cliff Park group who presented and was available for questions.

Agenda Item 9. Trail Wayfinding Update – Leong Lim, Sr. Park Manager . Mr. Lim introduced Jared White, Manager III of Park and Recreation Department, who presented and was available to answer questions.

Agenda Item 10. Strategies for Department Partnerships – M. Renee Johnson, Assistant Director. Ms. Johnson introduced Dennis Ware, Sr Park Manager of Park and Recreation who presented and was available for questions.

### **OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Agenda Item 11. 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:


Bo Slaughter announced that on June 11, 2021, the Big Tex Golf Tournament would be held and Tenison Golf course to raise scholarship money for local children to attend college. Mr. Slaughter encouraged all to attend the event.

Agenda Item 12 FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 Budget Development Update, Rachael Berry, Interim Assistant Director - None

Agenda Item 13. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events. Crystal Ross, Deputy Director announced the Ribbon Cutting of Bachman Park, Friday, April 9, 2021 at 9am and a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Lake Highlands North Park for the sand volleyball courts, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 10am.

Agenda Item 14. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. President Collins reminded the Board that the next meeting would be longer than usual.

Agenda Item 15. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 11:51 am.

  
Anthony M. Becker, Secretary  
Park and Recreation Board

  
Calvert Collins-Bratton, 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.

