

Regular Meeting: Robert Abtahi, President, presiding

Present: Robert Abtahi, President; Robb Stewart, Vice-President; Taylor Adams, Barbara A. Barbee, Harrison Blair, Timothy W. Dickey, Jesse Moreno, Susan Rader, Ernest Slaughter, Sonya Woods - 10

Absent: Calvert Collins-Bratton, Jeff Kitner, Terrence Perkins, Rodney Schlosser, Taylor I. Toynes - 5

Vice President Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: Debi Pena spoke about the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and provided flyers to Mr. Becker, outlining the upcoming concert events for the Symphony.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2019 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 – 7)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bo Slaughter moved, seconded by Harrison Blair to approve Items 3,4,5 and 7 on consent. Item #6 was removed for individual consideration at the request of Jesse Moreno. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. White Rock Lake (9) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Harrison Blair to authorize permission for the Office of Cultural Affairs to hold the Lake-A-Palooza event at White Rock Lake, located at 521 East Lawther Drive. The event will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Estimated Revenue: \$0 (This is a recurring item), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Griggs Park (14) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Harrison Blair to authorize issuing an alcohol permit to Anita Simmons, to serve alcohol at the Uptown Block Party event to be held at Griggs Park, located at 3200 Colby Street. The event will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Estimated Revenue: \$250 (This is a recurring item), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Harrison Blair to authorize designation of Temporary Off-Leash Site in the Cotton Bowl Stadium at Fair Park, located at 3924 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard for the annual Dog Bowl Event on Sunday, May 5, 2019 – Finance: No Cost consideration to the City (This is a recurring item), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6. Citywide – A motion by Calvert Collins Bratton, seconded by Bo Slaughter for discussion. This motion would authorize changes to Aquatics fees that includes (1) removing program fees for community pools and Bachman Indoor Pool; (2) establishing Park Board approved fees for advanced notice group rates, table rentals, pavilion rentals, and after-hour rentals at the family aquatic centers, and (3) adjusting the contract fee instructor percentage – Estimated Revenue: \$65,000.

Robb Stewart mentioned that there was a change to the item: the table rental rate is changed to \$25 for all facilities. Mr. Huerta also mentioned that the percentage of the surcharge of the contract fee classes would change in order to make it uniform across all contract fee categories that the department charges.

Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director, and Robin Steinshnider, Senior Project Manager provided a brief overview of the discussion in Administration and Finance Committee.

Mr. Stewart called for a vote. The motion to approve the item (with the noted changes) was passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Harrison Blair to authorize a resolution in support of the State Fair Showdown presented by Lone Star Sports at the Cotton Bowl Stadium at Fair Park, located at 3809 Grand Avenue – Financing: No Cost Consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

NONE

BUDGET BRIEFING / WORK SESSION

Agenda Item 8. 2019 – 2020 Budget Briefing / Work Session – John Jenkins, Deputy Director introduced Rachael Berry, Senior Financial Manager, who led the Board workshop. Ms. Berry began her overview of the 2019 – 2020 Budget.

At 11:10 a.m. Vice President Stewart called for a recess until 1:30 p.m. and instructed the Board about the day's events and timing. Mr. Stewart also reminded the Board the importance of not discussing any business outside the meeting to keep within the Texas Open Meetings Act.

President Abtahi reconvened the meeting at 1:29 p.m. Ms. Berry was able to finish her presentation and take questions / comments from the Board members.

President Abtahi requested that this item come back to the next Board meeting in order for the Board to gather more information and be able to rank their priorities. President Abtahi also requested that the Bond Office give a 2017 Bond briefing at the next available meeting.

BRIEFINGS

President Abtahi skipped to Item #10.

Agenda Item 9. 2019 Dallas Park and Recreation Board Priorities, Ryan O'Connor, Senior Park Manager presented information to the Board.

Agenda Item 10. Fair Park First – Quarterly Report, John Jenkins, Deputy Director introduced Darren James, Director of Fair Park First Inc. and Peter Sullivan, General Manager of Fair Park, who presented the quarterly report.

In the interest of time, President Abtahi requested that Agenda Item #9 be deferred to the next available Board meeting.

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, Turtle Creek Conservancy, Senior Affairs Commission, 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 were as follows:

Sonya Woods reported that the Turtle Creek Conservancy is hosting "A Day at the Races" on May 4, 2019.

Barbara Barbee wanted to thank the Maintenance Division for their assistance preparing the park for Oak Cliff Earth Day.

Harrison Blair announced that Trust for Public Land received a \$500,000 grant and there will be a celebration at Overton Park for the Overton Greenbelt Project.

Agenda Item 12. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department events.

Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director announced that April 15, 2019 ended the early bird discount sales for the Aquatics Center passes and 1,991 passes were sold and over \$67,000 generated from those sales.

LaKeisha Randle, Manager III announced that the 16th annual Mother's Day Celebration will be held on May 3, 2019 at the Sheraton. Ms. Randle also announced that May 4, 2019 will be a sign unveiling for the Santos Rodriguez Center at Pike Park and following that will be Cinco de Mayo Festival at Pike Park at 11 a.m.

Agenda Item 13. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the Dallas Zoo.

Agenda Item 14. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 3:14 p.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary
Park and Recreation Board



Robert Abtahi, 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.

