

Regular Meeting: Arun Agarwal, President, presiding

Present: Arun Agarwal, President; Daniel Wood, Vice-President; Harrison Blair, Calvert Collins-Bratton, Lane Conner, Timothy W. Dickey, Maria Hasbany, Estanislao “JR” Huerta, Rudy Karimi, Jeff Kitner, Fonya Mondell, Ernest “Bo” Slaughter, Robb Stewart, Lorena Tule-Romain – 14

Absent: NONE

Vacant: District 3

This was a virtual meeting held via Cisco Webex and in person in the 6FN conference room. The public were able to view the Open Session meeting on the internet. The public were also able to attend in person.

President Agarwal called the meeting to order at 10:04 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.

Dustin Gadberry – Hi-Line Connector Trail

Barbara Barbee - Matching Grant for Restoration of Kiest Memorial Garden WPA Rill.

David Klempin - Water Rill Restoration in Kiest Memorial Garden, Kiest Park

Christopher Calle - Park Board duties to citizens and wildlife

Agenda Item 2. Minutes - A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by JR Huerta, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Park and Recreation Board meeting was carried by unanimous vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (3-5)**

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

Agenda Item 3. Equipment Purchase (All) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Robb Stewart, to authorize the purchase of a JLG X430AJ Compact Crawler Boom Lift for new equipment installation, general maintenance and repair services for the Park and Recreation Department from Kirby-Smith Machinery, Inc. in the amount of \$126,450.00 through the Texas Association of School Boards (BuyBoard) cooperative agreement – Total award not to exceed \$126,450.00 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **PLANNING AND DESIGN**

Agenda Item 4. Crockett Dog Park Art Installation (2) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Robb Stewart, to authorize a site approval for a new public art installation at Crockett Dog Park, located at 501 Carroll Avenue – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Jaycee Zaragoza Art Installation (6) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Robb Stewart, to authorize site approval for a new public art installation at Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center located at 3114 Clymer Street - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

Agenda Item 6. Brimer Bill (All) – A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by JR Huerta, to authorize (1) the inclusion of eligible Fair Park facilities into the November 2022 election proposition pursuant to Chapter 334 of the Texas Local Government Code, commonly called the Brimer Bill for the expansion of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center (KBHCC) venue project; and (2) the approval of eligible Fair Park facilities for future Brimer Bill funding – Financing: No cost consideration, was carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Hi-Line Connector Trail (2,6) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Robb Stewart, to **defer until April 21, 2022** a construction services contract for the construction of the Hi-Line Connector Trail – The Fain Group, Inc. lowest responsive and responsible bidder of six – Not to exceed \$11,531,424.84 – Financing: Circuit Trail Connector Fund (\$8,000,000.00), Circuit Trail Conservancy Fund (\$3,531,424.84), was carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board had questions about the deferral process. Christine Lanners – Senior Assistant City Attorney, provided clarification on proper procedure regarding the procurement process.

Director Jenkins clarified it was necessary to follow the procurement process as outlined in Administrative Directive 4-5, section 7 before voting on the item.

Agenda Item 8. Lake Highlands Trail (10) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a construction services contract for the construction of the Lake Highlands Trail – Phase 2A/2B, Northern Extension Project form Harry S Moss Park located at 7601, Greenville Avenue – RoeschCo Construction, Inc., lowest responsible bidder of seven – Not to exceed \$4,392,297.50 – Financing: Lake Highlands Phase 2 TASA Program (\$3,513,838.00), Street and Transportation Improvement Fund (2012 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$63,143.10), Street and Transportation Improvement (A) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$733,299.63), Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$82,016.77).

Mr. Stewart made an amendment to the original motion to include the understanding that field changes for the alignment of the trail east of Abrams Road as it runs adjacent to Scofield Memorial Church located at 7730 Abrams Road to take in to account the existing agreement between Oncor and the Church and the existing drainage improvements.

Mr. Wood seconded the amended motion.

The amended motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9. Reverchon Interlocal Agreement (2) – A motion by Tim Dickey, seconded by JR Huerta, to authorize a twenty-year Interlocal Agreement with the Dallas Independent School District for the joint development, operation, and use of Reverchon Park Baseball Field – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (this action, see Fiscal section for future costs), was carried by unanimous vote.

## **BRIEFINGS**

Agenda Item 10. Smart Growth for Dallas – Christina Turner-Noteware, Assistant Director

Ms. Turner-Noteware introduced Robert Kent – Associate Vice President of the Trust for Public Land.

Mr. Kent presented and was available for questions and feedback from the board.

Agenda Item 11. Urban Forestry Taskforce – M. Renee Johnson, Assistant Director

Ms. Johnson introduced various members of the Urban Forestry Taskforce.

Ms. Johnson and members of the Taskforce presented and were available for questions and feedback from the Board.

The following members of the Taskforce presented and answered questions:

Karen Woodard – Dallas Water Utilities

Christ McMaster – Park and Recreation

Brett Johnson – Park and Recreation

Phil Irwin – Development Service

Sarah Standifer – Assistant Director, Dallas Water Utilities

Megan Wimer – Assistant Building Official, Development Services

At 12:50pm Chair Agarwal called for a recess until 1:30pm.

At 1:33pm Chair Agarwal reconvened the meeting.

## **UPDATE**

Agenda Item 12. Budget Update – Rachael Berry, Interim Assistant Director

Ms. Berry provided an update to the Board and was available for questions and feedback.

**Discussion**

- Review the Park Board Rule 5-person memo and the Park Naming Policy

Director Jenkins gave an overview of the current Park Naming Policy and clarified the policy does allow for exceptions.

The Board expressed they would like the Park Naming Policy be brought to the Administration and Finance Committee for discussion and review.

**OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Agenda Item 13. 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, Friends of Preston Ridge 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

Harrison Blair thanked Board Members for the bike ride in District 4 on April 1, 2022, and road closures on Interstate highway due to construction.

Rudy Karimi thanked Board Members for joining the bike ride in District 4 on April 1, 2022 and invited all Board members to future bike rides.

Jeff Kitner announced a ribbon cutting for a playground at Arapaho Park on Saturday April 9, 2022 at 10:00am. He also announced the Dallas Trail Coalition is a new coalition of all the trails friend’s groups and invited the Board members to attend a future meeting.

Daniel Wood emphasized the multi-modal connectivity to trails.

Tim Dickey announced a fundraising event on May 19, 2022 at the Trinity River Audubon Center.

Maria Hasbany announced Dallas Blooms is currently happening at the Dallas Arboretum.

Fonya Mondell announced free yoga for the next for Saturday’s beginning on April 9, 2022 at Samuell Grand Park in the Sculpture Garden. Ms. Mondell also announced Dallas Heritage Village would have free admission and an Easter egg hunt on April 17, 2022.

Chair Agarwal announced Aquatics identified that 1,600 children’s swimsuits were needed and are working to find a sponsor. He also announced a Go-fund me campaign hosted by the Dallas Zoological Society to benefit Ukrainian zoo’s.

Chair Agarwal announced Ms. Lorena Tule-Romain has resigned from the board. Ms. Tule-Romain thanked the Board.

Agenda Item 14. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events.

Tony Becker - Board Secretary, announced the public speakers provided handouts and he would forward them to the entire Board. He asked staff announcements to be shared on the screen, and announced Farm Fest at Samuell Farm on Saturday April 30, 2022.

Agenda Item 15. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 16. President Agarwal adjourned the Board meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Anthony M. Becker, Secretary  
Park and Recreation Board

Arun Agarwal, President  
Park and Recreation Board  
Date: 4-21-22

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.