

Regular Meeting: Robert Abtahi, President, presiding

Present: Robert Abtahi, President; Robb P. Stewart, Vice President; Barbara A. Barbee, Harrison Blair, Calvert Collins-Bratton, Timothy W. Dickey, Jeff Kitner, Jesse Moreno, Susan Rader, Paul Sims, Ernest Slaughter, Taylor I. Toyne, Yolanda F. Williams, Sonya Woods - 14

Absent: Rodney Schlosser - 1

President Abtahi called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Bo Slaughter opened the meeting with a showing of Board appreciation to the 'unsung heroes' of the Park Staff who assist with the background/logistics of each meeting: Park IT staff: William Priddy, and Liz Whittle; and Mr. Slaughter also thanked Joyce Jones, Annie Marshall and Tony Becker for their constant assistance and attention to the Park Board.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: The following speakers spoke about Agenda Item 9, Fair Park Management Contract:

1. Ross Williams, Friends of Fair Park
2. Courtney Spellicy
3. David Preziosi, Preservation Dallas
4. Reid Lange
5. Virginia McAlester
6. Joanna Hampton, Preservation Dallas
7. Ken Smith
8. Matt Wood, President of Friends of Fair Park
9. Michael King (Mr. King also spoke on Items 4, and 7)
10. Craig Holcomb, Friends of Fair Park

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Jeff Kitner, seconded by Barbara Barbee, to approve the minutes of August 2, 2018, and August 9, 2018 (Special Called Public Input Session), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 - 8)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 3. Reverchon Park (2) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize issuing an alcohol permit to Raul Ramirez, to serve alcohol at the Texas Latino Pride event to be held at Reverchon Park, located at 3505 Maple Avenue, on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Estimated Revenue: \$250 (This is a recurring item), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 4. Simonds Lake Park (Seagoville) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize the approval of the first renewal option with Dallas Radio Control Flying Club for the operation and maintenance of a flying field at Simonds Lake Park. The City and Dallas Radio Control Flying Club desire to exercise their renewal option as stated in the existing agreement – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 5. Bachman Lake Park (6) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to remand this back to the Administration and Finance Committee for further review, was carried by unanimous vote. This item would authorize the preparation of a ten-year maintenance agreement with two (2) five-year renewal options with the Dallas Rowing Club for the renovation, operation and maintenance of the existing Boathouse at Bachman Lake Park, located at 2829 Shorecrest Drive – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (**deferred from June 21, 2018**)

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 6. Moss Glen Park (12) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize a construction contract for Moss Glen Park Site Improvements located at 5200 Bentwood Trail – Texas Standard Construction, Inc., lowest responsible bidder of eight – Not to exceed \$718,595.00 – Financing: 2017 Bond Funds (\$468,595.00) and Collin County Grant Funds (\$250,000.00), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. L.B. Houston Nature Preserve (6) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, with a friendly amendment by Jesse Moreno requesting a correction of the date from October 10 to October 24, 2018, was carried by unanimous vote. This item would authorize a public hearing to be held on October 10, 2018 to receive comments, and Council action, pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, on the proposed use of a portion of L.B. Houston Nature Area, located at 10401 Wildwood Drive, totaling approximately 1,058 square feet of land, and temporary use of approximately 3,233 square feet of land, for the installation of a wastewater facility by the City of Irving for the benefit of the public – Financing: No cost consideration to the City.

Agenda Item 8. Trinity Strand Trail (2) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to remand this item back to the Planning and Design Committee for further review, was carried by unanimous vote. This item would authorize (1) an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) (Contract No. CSJ: 0918-47-204) to accept funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for construction of the Trinity Strand Trail Phase 2 Project; (2) the receipt and deposit of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funds from Texas Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 in the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Fund; and (3) the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 in the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Fund – Not to exceed \$7,074,496.00 – Financing: 2012 Bond Funds (\$2,074,496.00) and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funds (\$5,000,000.00).

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

President Abtahi opened the floor to questions from the Park Board to the City Attorneys regarding the legal aspects of the contract.

President Abtahi called for a 5-minute recess at 11:15 a.m.
President Abtahi reconvened the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Agenda Item 9. Fair Park Management Contract Update. Ryan O'Connor, Senior Park Manager, introduced Darren James, President of the Board of Fair Park First who presented the briefing.

President Abtahi opened the floor to questions from the Park Board to Mr. James.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 10. 2017 Bond Program Update: Assistant Director Louise Elam passed out updated information to the Board about the 2017 Bond Program status.

Agenda Item 11. 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, Oak Lawn Park and Arlington Hall 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

Barbara Barbee spoke about a request she received from the Texas Discovery Gardens (TDG) who would like to see a change to the city mowing ordinance to protect pollinator planting habitats by placing them in 'no-mow' areas. Ms. Barbee read the letter presented to her by the TDG Board outlining their request. Ms. Barbee will bring further information and possibly a draft resolution for Park Board consideration at a future date.

Tim Dickey spoke about the Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC). Mr. Dickey informed the Board that the Director of TRAC, Lucy Hale resigned to take another position out of state, and an Interim-Director is in place until a permanent replacement can be found.

Agenda Item 12. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events

Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director, spoke about the upcoming ribbon cutting / grand opening for the Samuel Grand Aquatics Center. The soft-opening is Friday, August 17, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., and the Grand Opening to the public is Saturday, August 18, 2018 at noon. Mr. Huerta also mentioned the ground breaking for the Kidd Springs Aquatic Center on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Willis Winters, Director, informed the Board about the high attendance numbers at Crawford Aquatics Center and Fretz Aquatics Center, even during rainy days. The combined attendance at these aquatics centers so far was approximately over 8000. The Park and Recreation Department staff were encouraged by these numbers.

Agenda Item 13. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, September 6, 2018 at Cummings Recreation Center. President Abtahi mentioned that this has changed, and this meeting will be held at Dallas City Hall.

Agenda Item 14. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 12:31 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.

