

Regular Meeting: Arun Agarwal, President, presiding

Present: Arun Agarwal, President; Daniel Wood, Vice-President; Fonya Naomi Mondell, Harrison Blair, Calvert Collins-Bratton, Lane Conner, Timothy W. Dickey, Maria Hasbany, JR Huerta, Rudy Karimi, Jeff Kitner, Priscilla Rice, Bo Slaughter, Robb Stewart, Taylor Toynes – 15

Absent: NONE.

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 10:05 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.

Darrell Herbert – Historical Preservation Sharrock Homestead/Niblo Park

Agenda Item 2. Minutes - A motion by Fonya Mondell, seconded by Tim Dickey, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2022 Park and Recreation Board meeting was carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA (3-5)

President Agarwal pulled item number 3 from the consent agenda. Therefore, a motion was made by Daniel Wood, seconded Robb Stewart to approve items number 4 and 5 on the consent and was carried by a unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Agenda Item 3. Bark Park Central (2) – A motion by Fonya Mondell, seconded by Tim Dickey to approve this item with the following changes: Authorize the official name change of Bark Park Central to “Barry Annino Bark Ďeg Park” – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (committee considered on August 4, 2022), was carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Coombs Creek Trail (1) – A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Robb Stewart, Authorize a construction services contract of the Coombs Creek Trail Improvements from Bahama Drive to Davis Street Project located at the 800 Block of North Plymouth Road – Northstar Construction, LLC., lowest responsible bidder of four – Not to exceed \$926,665.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds) (Board remanded back to Committee on August 4, 2022), was carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Emerald Lake Dam (3) – A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Robb Stewart, Authorize a construction services contract for the construction of the Emerald Lake Dam Safety and Erosion Control Improvements Project located at the 6102 Block of Mountain Creek Parkway – Texas Standard Construction, Ltd., lowest responsible bidder of five – Not to exceed \$1,308,782.20 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds) (Board remanded back to Committee on August 4, 2022), was carried by a unanimous vote.

BRIEFINGS

President Agarwal took the briefings in the following order Agenda item 8, Agenda Item 6, and Agenda Item 7.

Agenda Item 6. Boards and Commissions/Election Season – Pam Liston, Chief Integrity Officer.

Ms. Liston presented and was available for questions and feedback from the Board.

Agenda Item 7. Park Maintenance Community Engagement Briefing – M. Renee Johnson, Assistant Director

Ms. Johnson presented and was available for questions and feedback from the Board.

Agenda Item 8. Cedar Ridge Preserve Annual Update – John Lawrence, Assistant Director

Mr. Lawrence introduced Dr. Cynthia Bennett and Mr. Tom Willard.

Dr. Bennett and Mr. Willard presented and were available for questions and feedback from the Board.

WORKSHOPS

Agenda Item 9. Budget Update – Rachael Berry, Assistant Director

NONE.

Agenda Item 10. 2017 Bond Program Update -- Christina Turner-Noteware, Assistant Director

NONE.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 11. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events.

Tony Becker – Board Secretary, announced the opening ceremony for the senior games will be held on August 26, 2022 at 11:00 at the Beckley Saner Recreation Center, and registration is currently open.

Director Jenkins announced the Board Members received a departmental contact sheet.

Agenda Item 12. 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:

Board announcements:

Bo Slaughter announced the upcoming Prairie View A&M versus Grambling State on October 1, 2020 at the Cotton Bowl in Fair Park during the State Fair of Texas.

Jeff Kithner announced the Office of Arts and Culture and the Park Department will host a ribbon cutting on September 10, 2022 at White Rock Creek Trail for the public art honoring Mr. Anderson Bonner, he also announced that 10 Board Members participated in the #SlideChallenge, Director Jenkins will be doing the challenge at Crawford Park, and that Tony Becker – Board Secretary, participated.

Rudy Karimi announced a former Board member, Mr. Wayne Smith participated in the #SlideChallenge, he also announced the Dallas Trail Coalition has shared several videos on trail Safety for their trail safety campaign and invited Board Members to participate by making their own videos.

Jr Huerta announced the Oak Cliff Garden Forum was celebrating their 70-year anniversary at Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center.

Harrison Blair announced the Dallas Zoo is hosting a focus group August 19, 2022 in English and Spanish to get feedback on their master plan, he invited the Board to attend a Business Leadership summit hosted by the Black Chamber of Commerce at the Dallas Arboretum on August 31, 2022.

Agenda Item 13. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 14. President Agarwal adjourned the Board meeting at 1:57 pm.


Anthony M. Becker, Secretary
Park and Recreation Board


Arun Agarwal, President
Park and Recreation Board
Date: 9/1/2022

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.

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