

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 Toyne, 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 10:08 a.m.

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

Sarah Mendoza spoke about the Samuel Grand / Tenison Master Plan.
Grady McGahan withdrew his request to speak.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Daniel Wood seconded by Bo Slaughter, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 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: due to the recent spikes in cases around the area and with the upcoming holidays, Mr. Jenkins is preparing a memo to be sent to the Board regarding closing the Recreation Centers during the Christmas Holidays and re-open them on January 4, 2021. This will protect the public and staff from the rising number of cases. Mr. Jenkins also mentioned staff will be working alternative schedules and stagger report times to further protect staff and public.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 – 8)

Item 4 was pulled by Amanda Schulz, Item 8 was pulled by President Collins. Therefore Items 3, 5, 6,7 were considered on consent. Moved by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter and approved by unanimous vote (Toyne not present for vote).

Agenda Item 3. Master Agreement (1,2,4,5,6) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize **(1)** a software license agreement and the purchase of computer hardware equipment for a vendor hosted golf course pro shop point of sale software system for the Park and Recreation Department in the amount of \$49,790; and **(2)** a five-year service contract for software maintenance and support in the amount of \$145,600 – Pro-Shopkeeper Computer Software Co. Inc. dba Club Prophet Systems, the most advantageous proposer of five – Total award not to exceed \$195,390 – Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations)(committee approved November 19, 2020), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Savage Park (14) - Authorize site approval of a donation of public art in tribute to Virginia Savage McAlester at Savage Park, to be located at 5501 Swiss Avenue - Financing: No cost Consideration to the City (**deferred from October 15, 2020**) – Barbara Barbee moved to open the item for discussion, seconded by Tim Dickey. Amanda Schulz provided remarks about why the item was pulled and recommended no action be taken by the board. The group that donated the item decided to place the

sculpture somewhere else that was not on Park property. Therefore, no action need be taken by the Park Board.

Agenda Item 5. Brownwood Park (6) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a construction contract for the construction of the Brownwood Park Erosion Control and Soccer Field Improvements Project located at 3400 Walnut Hill Lane – Quick Set Concrete, Inc., lowest responsible bidder of four – Not to exceed \$275,089.35 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6. Carpenter Park (14) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter to authorize an increase in the construction services contract with HCBeck, Ltd. for the construction of Carpenter Park located at 2201 Pacific Avenue for additional scope of work to include the construction of basketball court in lieu of a bocce ball court - Not to exceed \$144,029.00, from \$15,266,346.04 to \$15,410,375.04 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Funds (2017 General Obligation Bond Fund), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Holcomb Park (5) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize an application for a Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the development of the Holcomb Park Loop Trail located at 1033 Holcomb Road - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8. Watercrest Park (10) – A motion by Calvert Collins-Bratton, seconded by Jeff Kitner, to defer this item to February 11, 2021 for further consideration was approved by majority vote (Toynes not present for vote, Robb Stewart voting nay) The item: authorize site for a new public artwork at Watercrest Park located at 7070 Skillman Road – Financing: No cost consideration to the City.

BRIEFINGS

Agenda Item 9. Emerald Ash Borer - Challenge to the Dallas Urban Forest, Renee Johnson, Assistant Director introduced Brett Johnson, Park and Recreation Urban Biologist who presented to the Board.

A brief recess was called by President Collins at 11:17 due to technical difficulties. President Collins reconvened the Board at 11:28.

Agenda Item 10. Teen Tech Center Update, Crystal Ross, Assistant Director presented to the Board.

Agenda Item 11. Samuell Grand / Tenison Parks Master Plan, Leong Lim, Assistant Director. Jason Ney, Project Manager introduced Fred Walters of MESA Architecture who presented the master plan to the Board.

ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 12. FY 2019-20 Park Board Annual Report (All) - Adoption of the Park and Recreation Board Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 – Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Anthony Becker, Secretary to the Board, explained the City Charter requires this item to be completed and submitted annually to the Council and City Manager every year. This is a requirement that all Boards must follow. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Maria Hasbany to approve the annual report and submit was carried by unanimous vote (Slaughter not present at time of vote)

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, 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:

NONE

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

Anthony Becker announced that the 2021 Park Board meeting schedules have been distributed and calendar invites were sent to all Board members. All meetings will still be virtual in 2021 until further notice. Committees would begin at 8am and the full Board meeting would begin at 11:00 am.

President Collins noted that she will be making committee assignments closer to January and would inform them Board when those assignments are ready.

Ms. Barbee asked about the retreat that was listed in January 2021. Mr. Becker stated that the retreat will be postponed to later in the year.

Agenda Item 15. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 16. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 1:16 p.m.



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.

