

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, Rodney Schlosser, Paul Sims, Ernest Slaughter, Taylor I. Toynes, Sonya Woods - 14

Absent: Yolanda F. Williams - 1

President Abtahi called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Agenda Item 1. Public Speakers. NONE

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Harrison Blair to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

President Abtahi invited the Board members to stand and speak about their 'sweater inspiration'.

Agenda Item 3. Recent Police Activity in the Park System was presented by Rick Watson, Deputy Chief of Dallas Police.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 4 - 8)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

President Abtahi pulled Agenda Items 4, 5 for Individual Consideration.

Vice-President Stewart moved, seconded by Tim Dickey to approve Items 6-8 on Consent with a change to the amount in Item 6 to reflect the correct cost of \$817,770.00. The motion for approval was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Dallas Zoo (4) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter to authorize a \$2.00 increase in Adult, Children (ages 3-11) and Seniors (65+) admission fees with the Dallas Zoo Management (DZM) – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by majority vote 12-2-1. (Sims, Toynes voting Nay, Williams absent)

Agenda Item 5. Dallas Arboretum (9) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey to authorize a \$2.00 increase in admission fees at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society (DABS) for designated months of the year – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by majority vote 12-2-1. (Sims, Toynes voting Nay, Williams absent)

NOTE: There was an amendment to the original motion moving that the Arboretum would install baby changing stations in the restrooms. Upon further discussion it was discovered the Arboretum had already agreed to work with staff to do this, therefore the amendment was rescinded.

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 6. Timberglen Trail (12) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey to authorize a contract for construction of the Timberglen Trail from Timberglen Park to Barry Barker Park in far North Dallas – Northstar Construction, Inc., lowest responsible bidder of eleven – Not to exceed \$817,700.00 – Financing: 2012 Bond Funds, was carried with an amendment to reflect the correct cost of \$817,770.00. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. Dallas Arboretum (9) – A motion by Robb Stewart seconded by Tim Dickey to authorize Supplemental Agreement No.1 to the professional services contract with GSR Andrade Architects, Inc. to add design development through construction administration phases for improvements to the DeGolyer House and installation of new

sidewalks along Garland Road at the Dallas Arboretum located at 8525 Garland Road - Not to exceed \$172,865.00, from \$72,100.00 to \$244,965.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2006 Bond Funds), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 8. White Rock Lake Trail (9) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey to authorize a professional services contract with Halff Associates, Inc. for schematic design, design development, construction documents, procurement and construction observation phases for the White Rock Lake Trail Improvements Project from the 500 - 1000 block of East Lawther – Not to exceed \$360,595.00 – Financing: 2017 Bond Funds, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Agenda Item 9. Willis Winters, Director, informed the Board about a prestigious award that Mr. Henderson will be receiving from PGA. Mr. Winters informed the Board that this item would be postponed until February or March of 2019.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Agenda Item 10. Audit of Business Partners Oversight - Update, President Abtahi announced that this item will stay in committee and will be brought before the Board at a future date.

Agenda Item 11. The Park Board Retreat - January 24, 2019, John Jenkins, Deputy Director. Mr. Jenkins led the Board in discussion of topics for the upcoming retreat. Tim Dickey, Chair of the retreat informed the Board about the schedule and basic outline of the retreat and requested Park Board members contact him and Mr. Becker with their suggestions and solutions. President Abtahi also asked Board members to break the categories down into 3 large topics and sub-topics and further, bring suggestions of solutions to discuss. Mr. Dickey offered to work with Mr. Becker and staff on finalizing the final list of topics.

Agenda Item 12. FY 2019-2020 Budget Priorities, was presented by John Jenkins, Deputy Director. Mr. Jenkins requested the Board members review the handout presented to the Board, which lists the 2017-18 Budget priorities that were discussed and chosen by the Board at the retreat last January. Mr. Jenkins requested the Board email him with suggestions for the 2018-19 priorities.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 13. 2017 Bond Program Update was presented by Louise Elam, Assistant Director

Agenda Item 14. 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

Bo Slaughter announced that tonight, December 13, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Fair Park Lights will light up their winter wonderland, have bounce houses and other family fun. Santa will be there.

Agenda Item 15. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events

Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director, also announced the Fair Park Lights. Mr. Huerta also announced that December 26, 2018, the First Responders' Bowl would be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Cotton Bowl – Boston College will play Boise State.

Agenda Item 16. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, January 10, 2019, at Dallas City Hall.

Agenda Item 17. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 11:25 a.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.

