

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, Jesse Moreno, Amanda Schulz, Ernest Slaughter, Taylor Toyne, Lorena Tule-Romain Daniel Wood - 15

Absent: NONE

President Collins called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers:

- 1) Lisa Miller spoke about Dallas United Crew rowing club.
- 2) Rudy Karimi thanked the Board and also thanked Diego Gonzalez, Park and Recreation staff for his extra efforts in cleaning up trash at Willis Winters Park.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2020 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Jesse Moreno wanted to clarify a statement he had previously made about Councilmember Blewett being present at the Quality of Life meeting. Mr. Moreno stated for the record that Mr. Blewett was not in attendance at said meeting as Mr. Moreno previously indicated.

**CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 – 4)**

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Vice-president Stewart moved, seconded by Jeff Kitner to separate Item 3 for individual consideration and approve Item 4. Mr. Stewart also wanted to be sure that it was clear that Item 3 was not a supplemental agreement, but a brand-new agreement.

Agenda Item 3. A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Harrison Blair, to authorize a three-year service agreement for litter maintenance services and trash removal on City property for the Park and Recreation Department - Good Earth Corporation in the estimated amount of \$6,581,946, T. Smith's Lawn Service, LLC in the estimated amount of \$3,941,138 and Urban Landscaping and Irrigation in the estimated amount of \$1,574,076, lowest responsive and responsible bidders of five - Total award not to exceed \$12,097,161 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried by unanimous vote.

**PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE**

Agenda Item 4. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Jeff Kitner, to authorize a professional services contract with Facility Performance Associates, LLC for professional commissioning services for the Hall of State located at 3939 Grand Avenue, African American Museum located at 3536 Grand Avenue and the Coliseum located at 1438 Coliseum Drive - Not to exceed \$297,360.00 - Financing: Fair Park Improvements (C) Fund (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

**BRIEFINGS**

Agenda Item 5. Cool Schools Community Parks was presented by Ryan O'Connor, Senior Park Manager. Mr. O'Connor introduced Matt Grubisich from Texas Trees Foundation, Robert Kent and Molly Plummer from Trust for Public Land.

Agenda Item 6. Shakespeare in the Park Overview was presented by John Lawrence, Interim Assistant Director. Mr. Lawrence introduced Raphael Perry of Shakespeare Dallas.

Agenda Item 7. Fair Park First Quarterly Update was presented by John Lawrence, Interim Assistant Director. Mr. Lawrence introduced Darren James of Fair Park First, Brian Luallen and Peter Sullivan of Spectra, and Terry Kittleson of In the City for Good.

### OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 8. 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:

Bo Slaughter spoke about the hard work that David Lopez and Tim Dickey put in for the promotion and improvement of the Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC) and how their hard work has helped put this center on the map and benefitted his district.

Jesse Moreno asked President Collins if she could assist him with the contact information for the Trinity Park Conservancy, he has been unsuccessful in getting a response from them.

Maria Hasbany reported on the previous meeting of the Dallas Arboretum Board meeting and some of the benchmarks that they made or exceeded in the previous year's recap. Ms. Hasbany included various figures and accolades including: The Arboretum is #1 in the country for number of volunteer hours reported, their successful Christmas Village display over the holidays, and over 200,000 visitors to the Childrens Garden – and many more.

Tim Dickey reported how TRAC has finally hired a new director and moving forward with their 'refresh'. Mr. Dickey thanked Bo Slaughter who he asked for assistance getting community support and input for the 'refresh'. Mr. Dickey also offered to spear-head a 'canoe adventure' for sometime in the spring.

Jeff Kitner reported that Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 10am-12pm, the Dallas Police Department will be co-hosting their first VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) training at Preston/Royal Library.

President Collins announced that the Northaven Trail Section 2A ribbon cutting was held recently and now citizens can use the trail to traverse a large swath of Dallas solely on a trail.

Agenda Item 9. FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 Budget Update - NONE

Agenda Item 10. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department events.

David Lopez, Manager III announced that April 11, 2020 is It's My Park Day and a flyer was emailed to all Park Board members with the website, list of parks, and sign-up instructions.

Agenda Item 11. Next Park and Recreation Board Meeting – Thursday, March 5, 2020, Dallas City Hall at 10 am.

Agenda Item 12. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 11:40 a.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary  
Park and Recreation Board



Calvert Collins-Bratton, 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.