

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 - 15

Absent: NONE

President Abtahi convened the regular meeting at 10:12 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: NONE

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 - 14)**

#### **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Agenda Item 3 was deferred to the next Board meeting after the next Administration and Finance Committee. Item 10 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration.

Agenda Item 3. Trinity Strand Trail (6) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader to defer this item to the next Board meeting after the Administration and Finance Committee, was carried by unanimous vote. This item would authorize a fee waiver to The Generational Group for the Jingle Bell Run event held at the Trinity Strand Trail located at 2320 Valdina, on Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Estimated Revenue foregone: \$7,540.00

Agenda Item 4. Norbuck Park (9) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize issuing an alcohol permit to Tanna Woods to serve alcohol at the Too Cold to Hold event to be held at Norbuck Park located at 200 North Buckner Boulevard, held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Estimated Revenue: \$250.00 (This is a recurring item), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Master Agreement (All) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize a three-year master agreement for the purchase of recreation center and physical education supplies for the Park and Recreation Department with Lakeshore Equipment Company dba Lakeshore Learning Materials in the amount of \$175,000 and the Prophet Corporation in the amount of \$160,000.00, lowest responsive and responsible bidders of three – Total award not to exceed \$335,000.00 – Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6. Harry Hines Triangle (14) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader to authorize a ten-year agreement with the Dallas Parks Foundation for the maintenance of Harry Hines Triangle, a park that is approximately .08 acres in size, located at 2402 Harry Hines Boulevard and bounded by Cedar Springs Road, Harwood Street, Ashland Street and Harry Hines Boulevard – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

#### **PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE**

Agenda Item 7. Runyon Creek Trail (8) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize a contract for the construction of Runyon Creek Greenbelt Trail Phase 2 located between Crouch Road and University of North Texas campus on Camp Wisdom Road - Jeske Construction Company, lowest responsible bidder of eight – Not to exceed \$1,914,766.81 – Financing: TPWD Urban Outdoor Grant Funds (\$957,383.40),

2012 Bond Funds (\$857,383.41) and Capital Gifts, Donation and Development Funds (\$100,000.00), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8. Katy Trail (14) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize (1) a Design and Construction agreement with the Friends of the Katy Trail, Inc. for the extension of the soft surface trail on a portion of the Katy Trail located between Blackburn Street and Armstrong Avenue and for resurfacing of the existing soft surface trail; and (2) a first amendment to the existing Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the Katy Trail – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9. Fair Park Coliseum (7) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize (1) a professional services contract with Hahnfeld Associates, Architects and Planners, Inc., DBA Hahnfeld Hoffer Stanford Architects Planners Interiors for schematic design, design development, construction documents, procurement, and construction administration phases for the Fair Park Coliseum Facility Improvements Project located at 1438 Coliseum Drive; (2) the receipt and deposit of funds from State Fair of Texas in an amount not to exceed \$832,258.00; and (3) an increase in appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$832,258.00 in the Capital Project Reimbursement Fund – Not to exceed \$832,258.00 – Financing: Capital Project Reimbursement Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10. Kidd Springs Park (1) – A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Jesse Moreno to deny a professional services contract with Mesa Design Associates, Inc. dba Mesa Design Group for the Kidd Springs Park Japanese Garden Master Plan Project located at 700 West Canty Street – Not to exceed \$93,000.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 11. Pemberton Hill Park (5), Daniieldale Park (8), Lake Highlands North Park (10) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize a construction contract for surfacing replacements of three spraygrounds at Pemberton Hill Park located at 6424 Elam Road; Daniieldale Park located at 3000 West Wheatland Road, and Lake Highlands North Park located at 9344 Church Road – Kraftsman, L.P. dba Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Waterparks through the Texas Association of School Boards, lowest responsible bidder of two – Not to exceed \$107,255.00 – Financing: Park Improvement Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 12. University Crossing Trail (14) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader to authorize (1) a twenty-year development, operation, and maintenance agreement, with one five-year renewal option, with 60-80B NCX, LLC for the development, operation, and maintenance of landscape improvements and private and public access to the University Crossing Trail for purposes of relocating overhead utility lines to underground and an improved realignment of the University Crossing Trail located at 6060 North Central Expressway (2) Acceptance of two trail easements totaling approximately 370 square feet – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 13. Hillcrest Village Green (12) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader to authorize site approval of a new public artwork at Hillcrest Village Green, a new public park to be located at 6959 Arapaho Road – Not to exceed \$83,320.00 – Financing: 2017 Bond Funds, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 14. Vickery Meadows Library (13) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize site approval for public art at Vickery Meadows Library located at 8255 Park Lane – Not to exceed \$14,896.00 – Financing: 2017 Bond Funds, was carried by unanimous vote.

## **BRIEFINGS**

Agenda Item 15. Circuit Trail Conservancy was briefed by Louise Elam, Assistant Director. Ms. Elam introduced the various Board Members of the Circuit Trail Conservancy who were present.

President Abtahi placed Agenda Item 18 for a vote.

Before Agenda Item 16 could be heard, member Paul Sims recused himself and exited the boardroom.

Agenda Item 16. Oak Cliff Founders Park Land Exchange was briefed by Louise Elam, Assistant Director. Ms. Elam introduced Jason Ney, Manager III, Park and Recreation who briefed the item.

President Abtahi now placed Agenda Item 19 for a vote.

Agenda Item 17. 2019 Share the Moment Photography Contest was briefed by Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director. Mr. Huerta introduced Jenny Cantu, Social Media Coordinator, who briefed the Board.

### **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

Agenda Item 18. Circuit Trail Conservancy (2,4,5,6,7,9) – A motion by Paul Sims, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a development and funding agreement with the Circuit Trail Conservancy, a Texas non-profit, for the purpose of assisting with the funding, land acquisition, design and construction of hike and bike trails on the remaining undeveloped 10 miles of The Loop, comprised of the Circuit Trail Connection, Trinity Forest Spine Trail, the Trinity Gateway and Trinity Skyline Trail Links (collectively hereinafter referred to as "Project") – Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information for potential future cost), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 19. Oak Cliff Founders Park (1) – A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Jesse Moreno, to request the City Council to **1)** authorize calling a public hearing on February 27, 2019 to receive comments and Council action, pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, on the proposed land exchange of a portion of approximately 59,799 square feet (1.37 acres) of parkland, located at 900 North Marsalis Avenue for adjacent land area of equal size to allow for reconfiguration of the Oak Cliff Founders Park for safer and efficient park management to better serve Dallas residents; and **2)** authorize an ordinance ordering a special election to be held in the City of Dallas on Saturday, May 4, 2019, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters a proposition of conveying by exchange (also known as a land swap) of approximately 59,799 square feet (1.37 acres) of parkland within the Oak Cliff Founders Park, located at 900 North Marsalis Avenue for abutting land of equal size to allow for reconfiguration of the Oak Cliff Founders Park for safer and efficient park management to better serve Dallas residents - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote (Sims recused).

Mr. Sims re-entered the room.

### **OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Agenda Item 20. 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, 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 were as follows:

Robb Stewart spoke about Fair Park First Board meeting which was the first meeting of the newly formed Board. The next public meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at the Tower Building.

Tim Dickey spoke about the Trinity Audubon Center. Their Board meeting was happening concurrently with the Park Board meeting and Mr. Dickey offered to update the Board via email should anything arise. Mr. Dickey stated the Board is still searching for an executive Director to replace outgoing Director Lucy Hale.

Jesse Moreno spoke about the Santa Fe Trail. Mr. Moreno thanked staff who assisted the friends group who together installed amenities including benches and a water fountain.

Barbara Barbee spoke about the Texas Discovery Garden and asked staff to meet with her about questions they had regarding the Chiller/HVAC unit, irrigation and lighting and other bond money related to upgrades.

Agenda Item 21. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department events.

Ryan O'Connor, Senior Park Manager, provided a brief update to the briefing that Robert Kent, from Trust for Public Land (TPL) presented in December. Mr. O'Connor stated that TPL will be reaching out to individual board members regarding this endeavor.

Harrison Blair, Board member, announced the 'Ignite the Lights' gathering at William Blair Jr. Park, this Saturday, January 12, 2019 and passed out a flier for it.

Yolanda Williams, Board member, announced that this meeting was her final Board meeting and thanked Board members, Staff (present and past) for their assistance and helpfulness with her years on the Board.

Hazel Roper, Manger III, Park and Recreation briefly outlined the agenda and discussion items at the upcoming Board Retreat held next meeting. Ms. Roper mentioned that an email would go out from Mr. Becker, Board Secretary, to the Board members outlining the day and asking them to reply with their rankings of topics and which breakout group in which they would like to participate.

Agenda Item 22. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting – A Retreat will be held Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Nash Davis Recreation Center.

Agenda Item 23. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 12:25 p.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary  
Park and Recreation Board



Robert Abtahi, 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.