

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 Toynes, 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 10:01 a.m.

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

- 1) Luis Mata spoke about Aquatic Centers
- 2) Mellen West spoke about reopening Dog Parks
- 3) David D'Errico was unavailable during Public Speakers
- 4) Clinton Haley spoke about Carpenter Park and skateparks
 - a. Dr. Haley's time ran out and the Board voted 15-0 to suspend the rules and allow Dr Haley an extra 2 minutes to speak
- 5) Rudy Karimi spoke about fencing at Willis Winters Park
- 6) Silvana Merino was unavailable during Public Speakers
- 7) Juan Muniz spoke about storm drainage on Katy Trail
- 8) Cindy Hennessey was unavailable during Public Speakers
- 9) Greta Mittman spoke about Dog park in Oak Cliff
- 10) Lauren Poulos was unavailable during Public Speakers
- 11) Moshe Diane Ramsay spoke about shade trees at Northaven Trail
- 12) Sandra Maltese was unavailable during Public Speakers
- 13) Michael King was unavailable during Public Speakers
- 14) Daniel Brodsky was unavailable during Public Speakers
- 15) Jerry Smith spoke about rezoning PD655 in Capella Park Community
- 16) Robert Decherd spoke about Carpenter Park

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Daniel Wood, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 Park and Recreation Board meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

President Collins announced that the City of Dallas Park Department was a finalist for the Gold Medal award that is given by National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The City has not been a finalist in 35 years for this prestigious national award.

President Collins introduced Renee Johnson, new Assistant Director for Park Maintenance and Operations. Ms. Collins also informed the Board that Ryan O'Connor and John Lawrence were promoted to Assistant Directors.

President Collins moved to Agenda Item #9 – DART Briefing. Louise Elam, Assistant Director, introduced Kay Shelton of DART.

UPDATE

Director, John D. Jenkins updated the Park and Recreation Board about the Department's response and action to COVID-19. Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director and Crystal Ross, Assistant Director also provided information to the Board about Phased Re-Opening of the Park System. The Park Board provided feedback on the proposals for staff to consider.

At 2:16, President Collins issued a 10-minute recess.

At 2:24, President Collins re-convened the Board from recess.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 –8)

Items 5 – 7 were pulled from Consent to be considered Individually. Therefore items 3,4 and 8 were considered on Consent.

Agenda Item 3. Master Agreement (Citywide) – A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Bo Slaughter to authorize a three-year service price agreement for the provision of an annual subscription service to the MicroMain computerized maintenance management software system for the Park and Recreation Department – MicroMain Corporation, lowest responsive and responsible bidders of one - Total award not to exceed \$45,588 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Circuit Trail Connector (2,6) – A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Bo Slaughter to authorize **(1)** an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (Agreement No. CSJ: 0918-47-296) for construction of the Circuit Trail Connector in the amount of approximately \$18,834,080.00 of which the Federal portion is \$8,000,000.00, the State's indirect cost portion is \$809,080.00, and the City of Dallas' local match is \$10,025,000.00; **(2)** a portion of the required local match (\$10,025,00.00) in the amount \$45,000.00 to be paid by warrant check to the State at the beginning of the project; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funds in the amount of \$8,000,000.00 in the Circuit Trail Connector Fund; **(4)** the establishment of appropriations in the amount of \$8,000,000.00 in the Circuit Trail Connector Fund; **(5)** allocation of \$10,025,000.00 in 2017 Bond Funds as the City of Dallas' local cash match and **(6)** execution of the grant agreement including all terms, conditions and documents required by the grant agreement - Total Amount \$18,834,080.00 - Financing: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funds (\$8,000,000.00), Texas Department of Transportation (\$809,080.00), and Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 Bond Funds) (\$10,025,000.00) (**deferred by Park Board, May 7, 2020**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Items 5, 6 and 7 were considered collectively.

Vice President Stewart moved, seconded by Maria Hasbany to consider the items to open discussion.

Jesse Moreno moved, seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain to defer these items to June 18.

Discussion on the merits of deferral continued. After much discussion, President Collins moved, seconded by Vice-President Stewart to call the question. This requires a 2/3 vote. The vote to call the question to end discussion of deferral passed 10-3-2 (Dickey, Moreno, Tule-Romain voting nay; Agarwal, Blair Absent).

The Board voted on Mr. Moreno's motion to defer items 5-7 to June 18. That vote failed 3-10-2 (Dickey, Moreno, Tule-Romain voting aye (in favor of deferral); Agarwal, Blair, Absent)

More discussion occurred regarding the approval of the items 5-7.

The Board voted on Mr. Stewart's motion for approval. That vote passed 8-3-4 (Dickey, Moreno, Tule-Romain voting nay; Agarwal, Blair, Kitner, Toyne Absent)

Agenda Item 5. Carpenter Park (14) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a contract for the construction of Carpenter Park located at 2201 Pacific Avenue with HCBeck, Ltd., best value proposer of four – Not to exceed \$15,221,273.04 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Funds (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by majority vote.

Agenda Item 6. Carpenter Park (14) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a professional services contract with TEAM Consultants, Inc. for construction materials testing and inspection services at Carpenter Park located at 2201 Pacific Avenue – Not to exceed \$284,983.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Funds (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by majority vote.

Agenda Item 7. Carpenter Park (14) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a contract with ONCOR Electric Delivery Company LLC for the relocation of 450 linear feet of overhead distribution lines and associated poles into an underground duct bank at Carpenter Park located at 2201 Pacific Avenue – Not to

exceed \$458,127.88 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Funds (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by majority vote.

Agenda Item 8. Singing Hills Recreation Center (8) – A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a building dedication plaque, in accordance with the Park and Recreation Board Plaque Policy, for the new Singing Hills Recreation Center Replacement project, located at 6805 Patrol Way – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

BRIEFING

Agenda Item 9. DART – D2 Update. Louise Elam, Assistant Director, introduced Kay Shelton of DART who presented the briefing to the Park Board.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 10. 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:

Daniel Wood reported that Fair Park First will be presenting their upcoming master plan at the next Park Board meeting. Mr. Wood was very pleased with what he saw in this plan.

Agenda Item 11. Department Budget Update - FY 2019-20 and 2020-21, John Lawrence, Assistant Director - NONE

Agenda Item 12. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events - NONE

Agenda Item 13. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, June 18, 2020 – by WEBEX. Meeting will start at 9 a.m.

Agenda Item 18. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 3:46 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.

