

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 10:13 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.

NONE

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Bo Slaughter seconded by Daniel Wood, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020 Park and Recreation Board meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

UPDATES

Director John Jenkins stated there were no new updates regarding issues within the Park System related to COVID-19. Mr. Jenkins stated that due to the holidays coming up and Covid-19 cases rising, in consideration to Public Health and that of staff, the Recreation Centers will remain open, however they will have self-lead classes.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Agenda Item 3. Honoring M. Renee Johnson, Assistant Director for receipt of the Jacquelyn Whitman Distinguished Service Award. John Jenkins, Director presented the award to Ms. Johnson. Ms. Johnson provided a few words on her award.

Agenda Item 4. Honoring Raul De la Rosa and David Mills, Program Managers for Planning and Design, for receipt of the Preservation Achievement Award from Preservation Dallas. Trent Williams, Senior Park Manager, explained the awards received.

Agenda Item 5. Special Recognition to the Park and Recreation Department for receipt of the 2020 Preservation Achievement Award from Preservation Dallas. President Collins explained more about this award and offered congratulations to the Park Department.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 6 – 8)

Daniel Wood moved, seconded by Fonya Mondell to approve item 6 – 8 on Consent. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Jenkins wanted to offer thanks to Mayor Pro-Tempore Adam Medrano of District 2, for his collaboration and contribution of discretionary funds for the Bachman Skate Park (Item 7).

Agenda Item 6. Bachman Creek Greenbelt (13) - A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Fonya Mondell, to approve the use of Land Acquisition and Partnership Match Funding in Proposition B of the 2017 Bond Program for match funding for Bachman Creek Greenbelt located at 3900 Shorecrest Drive, not to exceed \$45,000.00 – Financing: 2017 Bond Funds, Proposition B (\$45,000.00), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Bachman Lake Park (6) – A motion by Daniel Wood seconded by Fonya Mondell to authorize a professional services contract with Team Pain Enterprises, Inc. for schematic design, design development, construction documents, procurement and construction observation phases for the Bachman Lake Skatepark Improvements Project at Bachman Lake Park located at 3500 West Northwest Highway – Not to exceed \$319,127.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8. West End Square (14) – A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Fonya Mondell, to authorize a dedication plaque for the West End Square project, located at 607 Corbin Street – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

BRIEFINGS

Agenda Item 9. Cedar Ridge Preserve Annual Update. John Lawrence, Assistant Director – Mr. Lawrence introduced Cynthia Bennett of the Cedar Ridge Preserve who presented to the Board.

President Collins skipped item Number 10 and said this item would be briefed last.

Agenda Item 10. Fair Park First Quarterly Update. Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director – Brian Luallen, Darren James and Peter Sullivan of Fair Park First / Dan Biederman Ventures presented.

Agenda Item 11. Green Initiatives Campaign. Renee Johnson, Assistant Director – Renee Johnson, and David Lopez, Senior Park Manager, briefed the Board.

Agenda Item 12. CAPRA Accreditation Status Update / Park Board Policy Approval Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director – Ryan O'Connor introduced Tony Becker, Secretary to the Board who presented to the Board.

ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 13. Policy Approval (All) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey to authorize the adoption of Park Board Policy No. 24 to comply with Dallas Park and Recreation Department's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) re-accreditation – Financing: No cost to the City (**committee briefed on Oct 15, 2020**), was carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 14. 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 15. FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 Budget Update, John Lawrence, Assistant Director.

NONE

Agenda Item 16. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events

Mr. Jenkins asked Staff to present: Crystal Ross, Assistant Director of Recreation informed the Board about 3 'events' that were coming up

- 1) Singing Hills - Ms. Ross asked the Board to RSVP for the VIP-invite only-groundbreaking at the Singing Hills Recreation Center for December 4, 2020. This event will be live-streamed.
- 2) Candy Cane Dash – Ms. Ross explained that this virtual 3K run/walk/jog event was being held for Seniors. Registration opens Monday November 23, 2020.

3) Angel Tree – Adopt a Senior. Ms. Ross explained that Seniors can be matched up with Secret Santas for the holidays.

Ms. Ross will update the Park Board with more information soon about all of these events.

Ms. Renee Johnson, Assistant Director of Park Maintenance Services announced the ribbon cutting of the new playground at Garrett Park, Sunday, November 22 at 11:30 a.m.

President Collins announced and showed the awards that the Park and Recreation Department won from TRAPS (Texas Recreation and Park Society). The department won:

- The Lone Star Programming award for a first time recreation Program: Rec@home
- The Promotional Award for outstanding promotional efforts of a Park Agency: "Play it Safe Dallas" Campaign
- The Recreation facility Design excellence for a project which displays a high degree of professional design quality and recreation usage: Aquatics Facilities Masterplan

Agenda Item 17. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2020

Agenda Item 18. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 12:33 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.

