

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, Amanda Schulz, Ernest Slaughter, Taylor Toyne, Lorena Tule-Romain, Daniel Wood - 14

Absent: NONE

Vacant: District 2

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 10:04 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.

Christopher Suprun spoke about Willis Winters Park

Eddie Morgan spoke about Willis Winters Park

Karen Roberts spoke about Willis Winters Park

Jennifer Wheeler spoke about Willis Winters Park

Denise Knitch spoke about flooding and infill dirt along the Santa Fe Trail and Cameron Street

Rudy Karimi spoke about Willis Winters Park

Erica Cole spoke about Willis Winters Park

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Daniel Wood seconded by Bo Slaughter, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 Park and Recreation Board meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

UPDATES

Director John Jenkins provided an update to the Board about issues within the Park System related to COVID-19. Mr. Jenkins and Ryan O'Connor provided a brief update. Mr. O'Connor introduced Brian Luallen, Director of Fair Park First to update the board on upcoming events at Fair Park due to Covid restrictions.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 – 12)

President Collins removed items 3, 5, 10 and 12 from Consent. A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter to approve items 4, 6-9 and 11 on Consent was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3. Dallas Arboretum (9) – President Collins removed this item to allow staff to make a clarification that the board would be approving 2 dates, not 3. The October 29, 2020 event was cancelled since the time of posting of the agenda. A motion by Calvert Collins Bratton, seconded by Arun Agarwal to authorize ~~three~~ two private outdoor events at The Dallas Arboretum on October 28, 2020, ~~October 29, 2020~~, and December 8, 2020 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Jaycee Zaragoza (6) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter to authorize a private outdoor event at Jaycee Zaragoza on October 3, 2020 – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Cole Park (14) – No Action was taken on this item – the event was cancelled since the time of posting of the agenda. Authorize a private outdoor event at Cole Park on October 6, 2020 – Financing: No cost consideration to the City.

Agenda Item 6. Flag Pole Hill Park (9) – A motion by Robb Stewart seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a private outdoor event at Flag Pole Hill Park on October 6, 2020 – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Bachman Lake Park (6) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a private outdoor event at Bachman Lake Park on October 31, 2020 – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8. Flag Pole Hill Park (9), Lake Highlands Park (10), Bent Tree Meadow Park (12), Lindsley Park (14) - A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize ten private outdoor picnic events at various City of Dallas park locations occurring between October 3, 2020 and November 6, 2020 – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9. Kleberg Trail (5) - A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a professional services contract with IEA Inc. for schematic design, design development, construction documents, procurement and construction observation phases for the Kleberg Trail extending from Crawford Memorial Park near the end of the 200 block of Turin Drive to Buckner Green Line DART Station at 8008 Elam Road – Not to exceed \$155,260.00 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Funds (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10. Dorothy Savage Park (14) – A motion by Amanda Schulz, seconded by Robb Stewart to defer the item to the December 10, 2020 meeting, was carried by unanimous vote. Authorize site approval of a donation of public art in tribute to Virginia Savage McAlester at Savage Park, to be located at 5501 Swiss Avenue - Financing: No Cost Consideration to the City.

Agenda Item 11. Trinity Strand Trail (6) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a construction contract for the construction of the Trinity Strand Trail – Phase II Project from the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Inwood/Love Field Station located at 2720 Inwood Road to Turtle Creek Boulevard – RoeschCo Construction, Inc., lowest responsible bidder of five – Not to exceed \$5,498,971.50 – Financing: Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Fund (\$5,000,000.00) and Street and Transportation Improvements Fund (2006 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$498,971.50), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 12. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain, to open the item for discussion. Ms. Barbee had questions of staff about the Change Orders. The motion to approve the item: authorize an increase in the construction services contract with Phoenix I Restoration and Construction, Ltd. for additional scope of work for construction of the Hall of State Restoration Project including plumbing repairs, electrical repairs, landscaping, decorative urn replacement, improvements to site paving and other miscellaneous work located at 3939 Grand Avenue in Fair Park - Not to exceed \$246,251.55, from \$10,440,442.84 to \$10,686,694.39 – Financing: Fair Park Improvements (C) Fund (2017 Bond Funds); Fair Park Capital Reserves Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

BRIEFINGS

Agenda Item 13. Teens Organized and Prepared for Success (TOPS) – A new program initiative, Crystal Ross, Assistant Director presented before the board.

Agenda Item 14. Samuell Farm Property Update, John Lawrence, Assistant Director presented before the Board. After much discussion, the Board instructed staff to come back to the October 15, 2020 meeting with voting items regarding the master plan and next steps for official board authorization.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 15. 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 16. FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 Budget Update, John Lawrence, Assistant Director.

Mr. Lawrence didn't have any updates today, but said he would have in-depth information to provide at the next meeting to the board on the Budget approvals from City Council.

Agenda Item 17. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events

Mr. Becker announced to the Board that the NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) will be having a virtual conference October 27-29, 2020 and asked all board members who were interested to contact him today for registration purposes.

Agenda Item 18. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2020

Agenda Item 19. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 12:28 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.

