

Regular Meeting: Calvert Collins-Bratton, President, presiding

Present: Calvert Collins-Bratton, President; Robb Stewart, Vice-President; Arun Agarwal, Barbara A. Barbee, Lane Conner, Timothy W. Dickey, Maria Hasbany, Jeff Kitner, Fonya Mondell, Amanda Schulz, Taylor Toyne, Lorena Tule-Romain, Daniel Wood - 13

Absent: Harrison Blair, Ernest Slaughter (left at 10:50am) - 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 10:02 a.m.

President Collins introduced Ms. Fonya Mondell, the new District 2 representative and asked her to say a few words.

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.

Rosaura Cruz – Spoke about upcoming activities of the Junior Players  
Anthony Benedetto – spoke about the athletic teams at Woodrow Wilson HS and Willis Winters Park.  
Rudi Karimi – spoke about Willis Winters Park  
Mellen West – not available at time of speaking  
Hughree Brooks – Spoke about Samuel Farm

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Daniel Wood seconded by Bo Slaughter, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 Park and Recreation Board meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Agenda Item 3. Special Recognition for Tim Ray, Park and Recreation Department employee – President Collins read a proclamation honoring Mr. Ray for his heroism – saving a citizen from a burning car.

### **UPDATES**

Director John Jenkins provided an update to the Board about issues within the Park System related to COVID-19. – Crystal Ross, Assistant Director, was sitting in For Mr. Jenkins. Ms. Ross and Mr. Ryan O'Connor provided an update regarding the governor of Texas latest opening to 75% attendance for Zoos and aquariums.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 4 – 11)**

Tm Dickey requested item #11 be pulled from Consent, therefore a motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter to approve items 4-10 was carried by unanimous vote (Blair absent).

Agenda Item 4. Master Agreement (All) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a three-year Licensed Training Provider Agreement with the American National Red Cross (Red Cross) to permit City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department Red Cross-certified instructors to use Red Cross licensed training materials in the instruction of water safety training courses – Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (**recurring item**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Contract Renewal (All) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize the renewal of a three-year Interlocal Agreement with the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) to provide aquatic programming at DISD swimming pools for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 – Estimated Annual Revenue: \$10,000.00 (**recurring item**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6. Crawford Park (5) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter to authorize an application for the Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant program in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Phase One development of the Crawford Memorial Park Loop Trail located at 8700 Elam Road. - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a dedication plaque for the Hall of State Restoration project, located at 3535 Grand Ave - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8. Lindsley Park (14) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a construction contract for the construction of a playground and sidewalk extension at Lindsley Park located at 7100 Lindsley Avenue – C. Green Scaping, lowest responsible bidder of six – Not to exceed \$363,389.76 – Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$329,564.76) and Equity Revitalization Capital Fund (\$33,825.00), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9. Contract Renewal (All) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize the second of two, one-year renewal options to the contract with METCO Engineering, Inc. through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Dallas County, to provide job order contracting services for facility projects through November 7, 2021 - Not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, from \$6,000,000.00 to \$8,000,000.00 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$150,000.00) and General Fund (\$50,000.00) (subject to appropriations) (**recurring item**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10. Pacific Plaza (14) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize the dedication of Pacific Plaza located at 401 North Harwood Street as dedicated municipal parkland - Financing: No cost consideration, was carried by unanimous vote.

President Collins moved ahead to Items 12 – 16 before taking up item #11

Agenda Item 11. Land Acquisition (10) – A motion by Tim Dickey, seconded by Robb Stewart to open discussion on the item: to authorize acquisition from Audelia, L.P., of approximately 159,371 square feet of commercially improved land located at 9759 Forest Lane for a proposed new park – Not to exceed \$5,025,000.00 (\$5,000,000.00 plus closing cost and title expenses not to exceed \$25,000.00) - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2006 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$3,767,308.58) and Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$1,257,691.42).

Chuck Laughlin, President of Lake Highlands PID provided comments on the diversity of the community.

After much discussion, the motion to approve was carried by unanimous vote (Blair absent).

## **BRIEFINGS**

Agenda Item 12. 2020 Park Board Priorities and Visioning,  
Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director

Agenda Item 13. Grants Application Process,  
Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director

Agenda Item 14. The Circuit (Loop) Trail,  
Leong Lim, Senior Park Manager. Mr. Lim introduced Philip Hiatt Haigh of "The Loop" to present to the Board and answer questions.

## ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

President Collins took items 15 and 16 collectively for a vote.

Agenda Item 15. Trinity Forest Spine Trail (KCS) (2) – A motion by Calvert Collins Bratton, seconded by Robb Stewart, to authorize a hike and bike trail license agreement with The Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS) for use of KCS's property for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail under the KCS Railroad – Not to exceed \$5,000.00 – Financing: 2017 Bond Funds, was carried by unanimous vote (Blair, Slaughter Absent).

Agenda Item 16. Trinity Forest Spine Trail (Oncor) (2,9) – A motion by Calvert Collins Bratton, seconded by Robb Stewart, to authorize a hike and bike trail license agreement with Oncor for use of Oncor property for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail from the Kansas City Southern Railroad to Valley Glen Drive north of Interstate Highway 30 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote (Blair, Slaughter absent).

Agenda Item 17. Reverchon Park (2) – A motion by Fonya Mondell, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize rescission of Resolution No. 20-0142, previously approved on January 8, 2020, for a twenty-year agreement with one ten-year renewal option and two additional five-year renewal options, with Reverchon Park Sports and Entertainment, LLC for the development, operation, and maintenance of a proposed new athletic field and stadium at Reverchon Park located at 3505 Maple Avenue – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote (Blair, Slaughter absent).

Agenda Item 18. Samuell Farm – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Daniel Wood to open discussion, to authorize a professional services contract for planning and conceptual design services for the development of a Master Plan for the Samuell Farm properties located at Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75149, in the amount not to exceed \$120,000 - Financing: Samuell Park Expendable Trust Fund. After Board discussion, the motion to approve was carried by unanimous vote (Blair, Slaughter absent) and a note to staff to further research the requested information about the Master Plan.

Agenda Item 19. Samuell Farm – A motion by Amanda Schulz, seconded by Robb Stewart to open discussion, to authorize the **1)** proposed interim operations at Samuell Farm for outdoor adventure programming and, **2)** continued operations as a reservation location for weddings and events, and, **3)** develop a one-acre urban farm until a Master Plan is approved – Financing: \$500,000.00 (Samuell Park Expendable Trust). After Board discussion, an amendment was made by Maria Habany, seconded by Amanda Schulz to item #3 stating the price should not exceed \$10,000.00 for the one-acre farm, was carried by unanimous vote (Blair, Slaughter absent).

Therefore, Maria Hasbany moved to approve the item as amended, seconded by Amanda Schulz. The vote was unanimous (Blair, Slaughter absent).

## 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, 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:

Amanda Schulz reported on a donation by the Jacobs group of \$8 million to Phase 2 of the Klyde Warren Park project.

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

Mr. Lawrence stated he would have a full briefing to the Board in November that outlines the new FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 budget as approved by the City Council and what implications it will have on the Park Department.

Agenda Item 22. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events

NONE

Agenda Item 23. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2020

Agenda Item 19. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 12:52 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.