

Regular Meeting: Arun Agarwal, President, presiding

Present: Arun Agarwal, President; Daniel Wood, Vice-President; Barbara A. Barbee, Harrison Blair, Lane Conner, Timothy W. Dickey, Maria Hasbany, Rudy Karimi, Jeff Kitner, Fonya Mondell, Ernest "Bo" Slaughter, Robb Stewart, Lorena Tule-Romain – 13

Absent: Calvert Collins-Bratton - 1

Vacant: District 3

This was a virtual meeting held via Cisco Webex and in person in the 6FS conference room. The public were able to view the Open Session meeting on Channel 96 or on the internet. The public were also able to attend in person.

President Agarwal called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

Mark Donachie- Proposed purchase of Highlands of McKamy south entrance land located on Meandering Way.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Bo Slaughter seconded by Fonya Mondell, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 Park and Recreation Board meeting was carried. The vote was unanimous.

#### **QUARTERLY UPDATE OF PARK SAFETY AND SECURITY**

- M. Renee' Johnson, Assistant Director
- Chief Rick Watson DPD, Chief Gary Lindsey, Dallas Marshalls

Ms. Johnson presented and was available for questions.

Chief Watson and Chief Lindsey presented and were available for questions.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (3-7, 9-11)**

President Agarwal pulled item 8 from the consent agenda. Therefore, a motion was made by Harrison Blair, seconded by Maria Hasbany to approve items 3-7, 9-11 on consent was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3. Flagpole Hill Park (10) - A motion by Harrison Blair seconded by Maria Hasbany, Authorize issuing an alcohol permit to Marcus Grunewald, to serve alcohol at the BMW of Dallas Social Run event to be held at Flag Pole Hill Park, located at 8100 Doran Circle. The event will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Estimated Revenue: \$250 (This is a recurring item), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Kidd Springs Park (1) – A motion by Harrison Blair, seconded by Maria Hasbany, Authorize issuing an alcohol permit to Alison Matis, to serve alcohol at the Blues, Bandits & BBQ event to be held at Kidd Springs Park, located at 711 West Canty Street. The event will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Estimated Revenue: \$250 (This is a recurring item), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Norbuck Park (9) - A motion by Harrison Blair, seconded by Maria Hasbany, Authorize issuing an alcohol permit to Kristina Pool, to serve alcohol at the Dallas Running Club Half Marathon event to be held at Norbuck Park, located at 200 North. Buckner Boulevard. The event will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Estimated Revenue: \$250 (This is a recurring item), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6. The Bath House Cultural Center (9) - A motion by Harrison Blair, seconded by Maria Hasbany, Authorize issuing alcohol permits to Enrique Fernandez Cervantes, to serve alcohol at events to be held at The Bath House Cultural Center, located at 521 East Lawther Drive. The events will be held between October 2021 and February 2022. - Estimated Revenue: \$0, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Dallas Arboretum (9) - A motion by Harrison Blair seconded by Maria Hasbany, Authorize a construction contract with Ever Group Construction Corp., the best value responsible bidder, to build the public restrooms improvements to the DeGolyer House Complex East Wing located at Dallas Arboretum 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas. - Not to exceed \$735,500.00 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (B) (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8. Fair Park (7) - A motion by Jeff Kitner seconded by Daniel Wood, Authorize a professional services contract with Good Fulton & Farrell, DBA GFF, Inc., for architectural and engineering services for the discovery / scope-to-budget assessment investigation of existing conditions, schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding and negotiation, and construction administration for the Pan American Complex Arena Facility Repairs Project located at 1322 Admiral Nimitz Circle in Fair Park – Not to exceed \$290,232.00 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities 2017 Fair Park Improvements (C) Fund, was carried by majority vote.

Fonya Mondell recused herself from the vote.

Fonya Mondell returned to the meeting.

Agenda Item 9. Fair Park (7) - A motion by Harrison Blair seconded by Maria Hasbany, Authorize a professional services contract with Oglesby Greene, Inc., for architectural and engineering services for the schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding and negotiation, and construction administration for the Science Place 1 Museum Facility Repairs Project located at 1318 South Second Avenue in Fair Park – Not to exceed \$318,490.00 - Financing: 2017 Fair Park Improvements (C) Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10. Kidd Springs Garden (1)- A motion by Harrison Blair seconded by Maria Habany, Authorize a construction services contract with C. Green Scaping, LP, lowest responsive bidder of three responsive bids, for the construction of the Kidd Springs Park Japanese Garden renovations located at 700 West Canty Street – Not to exceed \$932,588.00 Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Fund), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 11. Adelfa Callejo (14) - A motion by Harrison Blair seconded by Maria Hasbany, Authorize interpretive signage in support of section "B" of the Park and Recreation Board Interpretive Signage Policy in connection with the Adelfa Callejo statue, located at Main Street Garden 1902 Main Street – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information), was carried by unanimous vote.

#### **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

Agenda Item 12. A motion by Lane Conner seconded by Tim Dickey, to hold this item indefinitely, Preston Ridge Trail (12)- Authorize acquisition from John F. Skelton, III, of approximately 9,618 square feet of improved land located at Meandering Way near the intersection of Meandering Way and Rocky Top Circle for inclusion into the Preston Ridge Trail linear park—Not to exceed \$165,000.00 (\$158,502 plus closing costs and title expenses not to exceed \$6,498.00)—Financing: Capital Gifts Donation & Development Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 13. A motion by Jeff Kitner seconded by Barbara Barbee, People Counting System (All Districts) - Authorize (1) an acquisition contract for the purchase, implementation and hosting of a people counting system for Park and Recreation in the amount of \$261,625; and (2) a five-year master agreement for maintenance and support for the people counting system in the amount of \$95,550 – Eco-Counter, Inc., sole source -Total award not to exceed \$357,175 - Financing: Park Enhancement Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried by majority vote. Ten members voted in favor, Maria Hasbany, Fonya Mondell, and Lorena Tule-Romain voted in opposition. Calvert Collins - Bratton was absent when vote was taken.

The Board discussed the item.

A motion to call the question was made by Jeff Kitner, seconded by Robb Stewart. Ten members voted in favor, Tim Dickey, Fonya Mondell, and Lorena Tule-Romain voted in opposition, Calvert Collins-Bratton was absent when vote was taken. The motion passed by two thirds vote.

**BRIEFINGS**

Agenda Item 14. Cedar Ridge Preserve Annual Update – John Lawrence, Assistant Director

Mr. Lawrence introduced Ms. Cynthia Bennett- Director of Cedar Ridge Preserve. Ms. Bennett presented and was available for questions.

Agenda Item 15. FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 Budget Development Briefing- Rachel Berry, Interim Assistant Director

Ms. Berry presented and was available for questions.

**OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Agenda Item 16. 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, Friends of Preston Ridge 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:

Board announcements:

Lane Conner announced a tree planting event at Salado Park on October 30, 2021 at 9:30am.

Barbara Barbee announced a tree planting event at Westmoreland Park on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 9:00am.

Maria Hasbany announced a tree planting event at White Rock Hills Park on October 23, 2021 at 9:00am, and a grand opening event in mid-November. A tree planting event at the old fish hatchery, details for this event are on the District 9 Facebook page. The Arboretum will have pumpkins on display until November 1, 2021.

Daniel Wood announced two-million-dollar donation to Fair Park First, new concerts and increased concessions by 56% from 2019 at the Cotton Bowl.

Jeff Kitner announced All trails meeting; all trails groups are set to meet again in December, the revived Trail Blazers blog series. If any board members would like any more information they can connect directly with Mr. Kitner.

Rudy Karimi announced a volunteer event at Exall Park on Saturday, October 23, 2021, a volunteer event a Willis Winters Park on Sunday, October 24, 2021, and the Friends of Katy trail are requesting feedback on their masterplan.

Fonya Mondell announced recreation centers across the city were in need of candy for their Trunk or Treat events.

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

Honey Springs – Cedar Crest Trail ribbon cutting on October 22, 2021 at 10:00am.

Agenda Item 18. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 19. President Agarwal adjourned the Board meeting at 12:18 pm.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary  
Park and Recreation Board



Arun Agarwal, President  
Park and Recreation Board

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.