

Regular Meeting: Calvert Collins-Bratton, President, presiding

Present: Calvert Collins-Bratton, President; Robb Stewart, Vice-President; 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 - 13

Absent: Arun Agarwal - 1
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 10:07 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.

Rudi Karimi spoke about Willis Winters Park

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Jeff Kitner seconded by Lane Conner, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 – 4)

Agenda Item 3. Dallas Arboretum (9) – A motion by Robb Stewart seconded by Maria Hasbany, to authorize a payment in the amount of \$62,437.00 to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc., through funding provided to the City by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, to cover previously unbudgeted costs of necessary expenditures incurred due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic – Not to exceed \$62,437.00 – Financing: Coronavirus Relief Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Public Hearing (14) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Maria Hasbany, to authorize a public hearing to be held on November 11 2020, pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, to receive comments on the proposed use of portions of parkland at (1) Belo Garden located at 1014 Main Street, totaling approximately 21,705 square feet of land; and (2) Pegasus Plaza located at 1500 Main Street, totaling approximately 6,427 square feet of land, 15,028 square feet of subsurface land space, and temporary use of approximately 19,000 square feet of land, for the Dallas Area Rapid Transit D2 Subway Project to enhance mobility and access for existing and future riders - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

BRIEFINGS

President Collins moved to Agenda item 7 and then took up Agenda item 10 together.

Agenda Item 5. White Rock Lake Dredging project, Leong Lim, Senior Park Manager. Mr. Lim introduced Patrick Miles of the consulting company who presented the powerpoint.

Agenda Item 6. Dallas Zoo Annual update, Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director. Mr. O'Connor introduced Lois Finkelman, past Board Chairman and present Chairman of the Zoo Board. Mr. Gregg Hudson, Director of the Dallas Zoo presented.

Agenda Item 7. Park Board RFP Policy, John Lawrence, Assistant Director

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 8. Park Board Resolution (2,6) – A motion by Tim Dickey, seconded by Calvert Collins-Bratton to authorize submission of Park and Recreation Board Resolution regarding the 'Alternative entrances to Love Field' to City Manager and City Council of the City of Dallas – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote. At the request of Barbara Barbee, President Collins read the resolution into the record.

Agenda Item 9. Special Events at Dallas Arboretum (9) – A motion by Maria Hasbany, seconded by Bo Slaughter to authorize four private outdoor events at The Dallas Arboretum on September 26, 2020, October 14, 2020, October 25, 2020, ~~October 28,~~ 2020, and December 15, 2020 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10. Policy Approval (All) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Amanda Schulz to open discussion. After the Board discussed, the motion to approve by Bo Slaughter and Amanda Schulz was moved and considered. Authorize approval of the Park Board's Request for Proposal Policy – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, the vote carried by unanimous vote

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 11. 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:

Tim Dickey updated the Board about Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC): their trails will be opening this weekend. They also will be selling advance-tickets. They also are promoting the "Lights out Dallas" campaign which will be Monday, September 21, 2020.

Jeff Kitner updated the Board about Office of Arts and Culture (OAC) who received a nationwide grant on Race & Equity – reimagining vacancy. Mr. Kitner also announced that today was North Texas Giving day.

Bo Slaughter updated the Board about Texas State Fair food drive-through which will begin this weekend and run through October. Mr. Slaughter encouraged everyone to purchase their tickets.

Lorena Tule-Romain announced that this is Hispanic Heritage month and there is an event today at Crawford Park, including registering people to vote.

Agenda Item 12. FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 Budget Update, John Lawrence, Assistant Director. Mr. Lawrence provided the Board with an update on the Budget process and what effect it had on the Park Department. The final council vote will be Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

Agenda Item 13. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events

Anthony Becker, Park Board Secretary announced that the Dallas Arboretum sent each board member a packet of tickets to their Autumn Festival and that those tickets would be placed in the mail to the board members this coming week. Mr. Becker also reminded the board that their City of Dallas emails were now working again and to please resume usage of those emails for Board Business. Mr. Becker apologized for the inconvenience and error messages that some board members were receiving.

Agenda Item 14. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2020

Agenda Item 15. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 12:52 p.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary
Park and Recreation Board



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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.

