

Regular Meeting: Robert Abtahi, President, presiding

Present: Robert Abtahi, President; Robb P. Stewart, Vice President; Barbara A. Barbee, Harrison Blair, Calvert Collins-Bratton, Timothy W. Dickey, Jeff Kitner, Jesse Moreno, Susan Rader, Rodney Schlosser, Paul Sims, Ernest Slaughter, Taylor I. Toyne, Yolanda F. Williams, Sonya Woods - 15

Absent: NONE

President Abtahi called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

Agenda Item 1. Public Speakers. The following speakers spoke regarding Agenda Item 10:

1. Marian A Willard, James Madison H.S.
2. Carol Bell-Walton
3. Bernadette Nutall
4. Johnna Weaver, Lincoln Community
5. Virginia McAlester, Friends of Fair Park
6. Dr. Harry Robinson Jr., African American Museum

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Rodney Schlosser, seconded by Barbara Barbee, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 - 8)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 3. University Crossing (14) – A motion by, Robb Stewart, seconded by Harrison Blair, to authorize the approval of the renaming of a portion of the Ridgewood Trail that runs from Glencoe Park, in the south, to SMU Boulevard, in the north, be renamed to University Crossing Trail. Additionally, the renaming would include the area of the Ridgewood Trail that runs east from the DART Line and ends at Skillman Road – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (**committee approved August 16, 2018**), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 4. Service Contract (9, 10) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Harrison Blair, to authorize a three-year service contract for janitorial services for Park and Recreation Department reservation sites with Wesson Construction Services, LLC, lowest responsive and responsible bidder of six – Total award not to exceed \$69,600 – Financing: General Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 5. Pleasant Oaks Park (5) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Harrison Blair, to authorize an artist contract with Madeline Wiener for "Family Life" sculptures for Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center located at 8701 Greenmound Avenue – Not to exceed \$87,863 – Financing: 2006 Bond Funds (\$68,005) and 2017 Bond Funds (\$19,858), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 6. Pike Park (2) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Harrison Blair, to authorize site approval for public art installation at Pike Park, located at 2807 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75201 – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (future funding from 2017 Bond Funds for Public Art), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. Turtle Creek Greenbelt (2) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Harrison Blair, to defer this item to the next agenda, was approved by unanimous vote. This item would authorize approval of the proposed development landscape plan for a privately funded residential tower located within the Turtle Creek Environmental Corridor per Dallas Development Code: Ordinance No. 19455 Section 51-A-4.508, paragraphs (b) and (g). The new Oak Lawn Park Residential Tower project is located at 3407 North Hall

Street – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 8. Crawford Memorial Park (5) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Harrison Blair, to authorize an application for the Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant program in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Crawford Memorial Park Phase 1 Implementation located at 8700 Elam Road – Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (2017 Bond Funds for Crawford Park will provide the match, if grant is awarded), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

President Abtahi showed a brief video of the opening of the Cove at Crawford Park Aquatics Center.

Willis Winters, Director, updated the Board on the attendance numbers for the 3 newly opened aquatic centers: Crawford (open 19 days) had 18,761 attendees (average daily 987); Fretz (open 13 days) had 9,000 attendees (average daily 700); and Samuell Grand (open 8 days) had 7,200 attendees (average daily 981). Since the opening of these centers, the grand total attendance was approximately 35,100.

BRIEFING

Agenda Item 9. Crystal Ross, Assistant Director, introduced Carol Zernial, Executive Director, who presented the WellMed Charitable Foundation: Partnership Opportunity for a Dallas Senior Center briefing.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Casey Thomas was in attendance and spoke to the Board about his support for this endeavor.

ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 10. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Robert Abtahi, seconded by Paul Sims, to open the item for discussion. President Abtahi and the Board discussed the proposed resolution that was passed out to the Board. After discussion, the Board voted to authorize (1) a twenty-year agreement with two five-year renewal options with Fair Park First for management of Fair Park; (2) payments to Fair Park First in the amount of \$34,598,909 over the first ten years of the contract with years 11 – 20 to be negotiated between the parties in year 10 of the contract; (3) establish an operating reserve in the amount of \$500,000; (4) establish a transition reserve in the amount of \$2,000,000; and (5) accept \$1,000,000 from Spectra to assist with transition costs – Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriation), with the resolution for Council consideration, was carried by majority vote. The vote was 13-2 (Slaughter, Williams voting 'nay').

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 11. Park and Recreation Board Members Liaison Reports: 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, Oak Lawn Park and Arlington Hall Conservancy, Senior Affairs Commission, State Fair of Texas, Texas Discovery Gardens, The Trinity Commons Foundation, Trinity River Audubon Center, Turtle Creek Association, The Woodall Rodgers Park Foundation/Klyde Warren Park

Jesse Moreno announced that Downtown Dallas Inc. is increasing security at the downtown parks to improve safety and he thanked DDI for taking the initiative.

Robb Stewart announced the ribbon cutting at Flag Pole Hill Park Playground at 9:00 a.m. on September 13, 2018. Mr. Stewart mentioned Jordan Spieth would be in attendance. He asked Park Board members to contact Oscar Carmona's staff to RSVP.

Agenda Item 12. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events

Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director announced the upcoming high school football "High School Prep showcase" at the Cotton Bowl. Friday, September 7 and Saturday September 8 will host some area rivals.

Agenda Item 13. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Cummings Recreation Center.

Agenda Item 14. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 11:32 a.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary
Park and Recreation Board



Robert Abtahi, 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.

