

Regular Meeting: Robert Abtahi, President, presiding

Present: Robert Abtahi, President; Robb P. Stewart, Vice President; Barbara A. Barbee, Calvert Collins-Bratton, Timothy W. Dickey, Jeff Kitner, Jesse Moreno, Susan Rader, Paul Sims, Ernest Slaughter, Taylor I. Toyne, Yolanda F. Williams, Sonya Woods - 14

Absent: Harrison Blair – 1

President Abtahi convened the regular meeting at 9:21 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: Gil Cerda, spoke about noise and vandalism complaints in a vacant lot behind his house. Mr. Cerda requested action be taken on this matter as it seems to be ongoing.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. President Abtahi made a special presentation to Tim Felix, for his volunteerism and service to the Park Department.

Agenda Item 4. Rick Watson, Deputy Chief of the Dallas Police Department, was unavailable to attend this meeting due to a personal conflict. Chief Watson will report on issues related to the Park Department at a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 5 - 7)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

President Abtahi pulled Items 5 and 6 from consent at the request of Board Members.

Before Consent Agenda was taken up, President Abtahi moved to Item #8 – EarthX briefing.

Agenda Item 5. Master Agreement (Citywide) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize (1) a three-year master agreement for the purchase of park amenities, supplies and playground equipment parts with The Playwell Group, Inc. in the amount of \$638,281, Most Dependable Fountains, Inc. in the amount of \$425,970, Pioneer Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$200,000, BSN Sports, LLC in the amount of \$100,000, Simba Industries in the amount of \$15,159.48, lowest responsive and responsible bidders of six; and (2) a three-year master agreement for the purchase of park amenities, supplies and playground equipment parts with Webuildfun, Inc. dba Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. in the amount of \$10,000, Superior International Industries dba Superior Recreational Products in the amount of \$50,000, Lea Park and Play, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000, The Playground, Shade and Surfacing Depot in the amount of \$42,000, Kompan, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000, Child's Play, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000, Whirlix Design LLC in the amount of \$40,000, Victor Stanley, Inc. in the amount of \$27,000, and Gail's Flags & Golf Course Accessories, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000, through the Texas Association of School Boards (BuyBoard) – Total award for the Park and Recreation portion of the master agreement not to exceed \$1,680,410.48 – Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Tim Dickey, to authorize a one-year agreement with the Dallas County Community College District for emergency sheltering at Fair Park agrarian district facilities for animals and livestock used in their Veterinary Technology Program at the Cedar Valley Campus in southern Dallas County – No Cost Consideration to the City, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

BRIEFINGS

Agenda Item 8. Earth X 2018 at Fair Park was presented by Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation. Mr. Lanny Shivers, from EarthX 2018 answered Board questions.

Agenda Item 9. Environmental Initiatives was presented by Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation. Mr. Carmona introduced Brett Johnson, Senior Environmental Coordinator, Park and Recreation, who presented to the Board.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 10. 2017 Bond Program update was presented by Louise Elam, Assistant Director.

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, Oak Lawn Park and Arlington Hall Conservancy, 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 were as follows:

Barbara Barbee announced the Texas Discovery Gardens was holding a plant sale this weekend, April 7, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and she mentioned that some plants that were being offered, hadn't ever been offered for sale before. Ms. Barbee also announced that a guided nature walk will be held at the Kiest Conservation area, ~~April-21,~~ April 22, 2018, and will be sponsored by Friends of Oak Cliff.

Paul Sims announced that the Hollywood/Santa Monica neighborhood association had a Easter celebration/mini-parade. There were monarch butterfly costumes in the parade as a public reminder to visit and learn about area pollinator gardens.

Jesse Moreno announced that the Dallas Zoo was nominated for one of the 'top Zoos' and encouraged everyone to go to the Zoo website and vote as many times possible in support of the Zoo.

Agenda Item 12. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department events.

Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director, announced 'It's My Park Day' will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9 a.m. to noon, and registration is available on the Dallas Parks' website.

John Jenkins, Deputy Director announced the Employee Awards would be held Friday, April 13, 2018 and the Volunteer luncheon would be held Saturday, April 14. Mr. Jenkins introduced Betty Swinner, the Volunteer Coordinator. Ms. Swinner spoke more about

Tim Dickey had a request of staff to follow up on reports of safety and security at a few of the parks in his district. Mr. Dickey asked Mr. Carmona what actions were being taken/have taken regarding the issues raised. Mr. Carmona provided a report. President Abtahi requested a historical statistical report of crime in the parks.

Agenda Item 13. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the Dallas Arboretum.

Agenda Item 14. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 10:50 a.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Interim 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.

