

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, Yolanda F. Williams, Sonya Woods - 14

Absent: NONE

President Abtahi convened the regular meeting at 10:32 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: NONE

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Jeff Kitner, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 - 4)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 3. Citywide – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize a three-year agreement with the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) to provide aquatic programming at District Swimming Pools – Estimated Revenue: \$2,000, was carried. The vote was unanimous. [Administration and Finance Committee briefed December 7, 2017](item was deferred to December 14, 2017)

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 4. William Blair Jr. Park (7) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize site approval of a new public artwork to be developed and funded by the Dallas Water Utilities Department, to be located at the northernmost lake in William Blair Jr. Park – Financing: No cost consideration to Park Department, was carried. The vote was unanimous. (Dallas Water Utility General Funds). Due to a conflict of interest, Harrison Blair recused himself for this vote.

ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 5. Citywide – A motion by President Abtahi, seconded by Robb Stewart, to authorize approval of revised Park Naming Policy using Staff Option 1 of the flow chart, with the following amendments, – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by majority vote (Paul Sims voted nay).

Amendments to the flow chart Option 1:

- 1) New box #3: shall include “notification of the Park Board Member of the district in which the application lies”
- 2) Box #2: change ‘request background check’ to ‘due diligence on proposed name’ and add ‘calculation of the mailing fee’
- 3) Box #4: will remain.
- 4) The two boxes that state “Community Group submits signatures to DPR for verification” and “Staff verifies signatures for authenticity and required number” will be moved before “Staff advertises potential name changes, posts signage at site, and posts notification on DPR website (for 45 days)”
- 5) Indicate a ‘60-day time period for applicant to collect necessary signatures’
- 6) Specify in box # 8 referring to ‘community input’ that the ballot is non-binding, or use the word ‘non-binding poll’

Amendments to the Park Naming Policy (revision 12/14/17):

- 1) Page 6, section IV B 1, the first sentence will now read, “When a Park and/or a Trail or portion thereof is eligible for Official Naming or Renaming...”

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 6. 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:

Becky Rader spoke about White Rock Lake "Run around the Lake" marathon was a success. Ms. Rader also asked about when the next Ad Hoc Rules Committee meeting would occur. Ms. Rader also mentioned the Recreation Center is still accepting toys through December 15, for the children who lost their toys in the fire.

Tim Dickey spoke about an 'Owl Walk' that will be held at the Trinity River Audubon Center tonight (December 14, 2017).

Jeff Kither spoke about the successful ground breaking for Phase 2B and 2C at the Northaven Trail on December 9, 2017. The trail is scheduled for completion in 2019.

Bo Slaughter spoke about his continued review of the State Fair financials. He also mentioned the Christmas lights at Fair Park and encouraged attendance.

Yolanda Williams thanked Crystal Ross, Assistant Director, and Bo Slaughter for their assistance with spreading the word and allowing newly donated toys to be housed at Janie C. Turner Recreation Center. Children of a nearby community center lost their toys in a recent fire. Ms. Williams thanked staff for their assistance and the greater Dallas community for their kind donations of toys.

Calvert Collins-Bratton spoke about the Oak Lawn Park / Arlington Hall Conservancy holiday party held December 13, 2017. They are also appreciative of the finalization of the Park Naming Policy.

Barbara Barbee thanked Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director, and his staff for installing the new signs at the Japanese Garden at Kidd Springs.

Robb Stewart announced that the Ad Hoc Rules Committee would be meeting January 3, 2018 and asked Board Members to contact him regarding this issue or any changes.

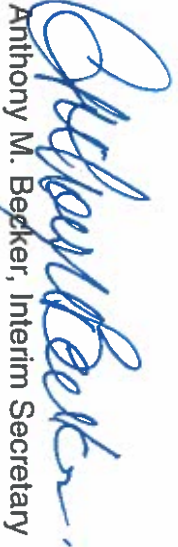
Agenda Item 7. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events.

Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director, spoke about 'Christmas in the Park'-toy give-away at the Centennial Building on Saturday December 16, 2017. The doors open at 9 a.m., but people start lining up as early as 2 a.m. Mr. Huerta also announced the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl held on December 26, 2017.

President Abtahi mentioned the CPC (City Plan Commission) meeting today, December 14, 2017 has an important item related to Park and Recreation on today's agenda – Park Land Dedication.

Agenda Item 8. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center, located at Fair Park.

Agenda Item 9. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 11:52 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.