

Regular Meeting: Robert Abtahi, President, presiding

Present: Robert Abtahi, President; Sean Johnson, Vice President; Barbara A. Barbee, Lawrence P. Hochberg, Amy W. Monier, Jesse Moreno, Susan Rader, Marlon Rollins, Rodney Schlosser, Paul Sims, Robb P. Stewart, Yolanda F. Williams - 12

Absent: None

President Abtahi convened the special meeting at 9:32 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: None.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Amy Monier, to approve the minutes of the September 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. Park Maintenance – (1,3,5,7,8,10,11,12) – A motion by Rodney Schlosser, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize a (1) five-year service contract for herbicide and algaeicide pond treatment – Magnolia Fisheries, Inc. in the amount of \$249,000, and (2) a five-year service contract for fountain repair and maintenance – Lone Star Fountains, Inc. in the amount of \$26,900, lowest responsible bidders of three – Total not to exceed \$320,900 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 4. Three Aquatics Centers (2, 5, 11) – A motion by Amy Monier, seconded by Lawrence Hochberg, to authorize dedication plaques, with an amendment to add 'Max Wells, former Park Board President' to the plaque, in accordance with the Park and Recreation Board Plaque Policy, for three new family aquatic centers located at Crawford Park (375 S. Prairie Creek Road), Fretz Park (7000 Belt Line Road) and Samuell Grand Park (6200 E. Grand Avenue) – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 5. Lee Park (2) – A motion by Sean Johnson, seconded by Paul Sims, to authorize: (1) removing the moratorium on park naming as approved by the Park Board on April 21, 2011 only for the park located at 3400 Turtle Creek Boulevard; and (2) removing the name "Robert E. Lee Park" as the official name and restoring the historical placeholder name of "Oak Lawn Park" until the park is officially re-named pursuant to an updated park naming policy – total not to exceed \$40,000 – Financing: General Fund, was carried with direction to staff regarding the temporary nature of the signage. The vote was unanimous.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 6. An update on the 2017 Bond Program update was presented by Louise Elam, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department.

Agenda Item 7. An update on the Park and Recreation Department Strategic Plan was presented by Ryan O'Connor, Senior Park and Recreation Manager, Park and Recreation Department.

Agenda Item 8. 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, Lee 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 spoke regarding the Texas Discovery Gardens' successful plant sale.

Agenda Item 9. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events.

Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director, spoke about the State Fair which begins Friday, September 29, 2017 and goes through October 22, 2017.

Crystal Ross, Assistant Director, spoke about the reopening of Tommie Allen and Samuel Grand Recreation Centers as shelters for Hurricane Harvey evacuees.

Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director, spoke about a ribbon cutting at Runyon Creek Trail, an opening ceremony at the Kiest Conservation Area, and Buckner Park Renovation ribbon cutting.

Agenda Item 10. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Agenda Item 11. A motion by Yolanda Williams, seconded by Board Members, to adjourn the meeting, was carried. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 10:48 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.