

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, Paul Sims, Ernest Slaughter, Taylor I. Toynes, Yolanda F. Williams, Sonya Woods - 15

Absent: NONE

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

Agenda Item 1. Mary Brinegar, Director of the Arboretum, gave a welcome and introduction.

Agenda Item 2. Speakers: NONE

Agenda Item 3. A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Rodney Schlosser, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, with the following correction: the date given in Ms. Barbee's announcement (Agenda Item #11) of the nature hike should be April 22, 2018, not April 21, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 4 – 7)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 4. Savage Park (2) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize an alcohol permit request by Jody Bowers to serve alcohol at the Swiss Avenue Mother's Day Home Tour event to be held at Dorothy & Wallace Savage Park located at 5501 Swiss Avenue on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 13, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Estimated Revenue: \$315 (This is a recurring item), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 5. Reverchon Park (2) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize an alcohol permit request by Katie Purcell to serve alcohol at the Rise & Shine 5K/1K Run and Walk event to be held at Reverchon Park located at 3505 Maple Avenue on Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Estimated Revenue: \$3,775 (This is a recurring item), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 6. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize designation of Temporary Off-Leash Site in the Cotton Bowl Stadium at Fair Park located at 3924 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard for the annual Dog Bowl Event from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, 2018 – Estimated Revenue: \$5,000 (This is a recurring item), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to ratify an emergency service contract with Janus Signs, dba Fast Signs, for the replacement of the Cotton Bowl Stadium logo sign at Fair Park located at 3809 Grand Avenue – in an amount not to exceed \$37,562.64 – Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

There were no action items.

BRIEFINGS

President Abtahi requested taking the Briefing items out of order. The briefings began with Agenda Item 9-Procurement Process. Mike Frosch, Director of Procurement Services presented his briefing.

Agenda Item 8. Downtown Dallas Priority Parks Development and Funding Agreement was presented by Louise Elam, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation

Agenda Item 9. Procurement Process was presented by Mike Frosch, Director, Procurement Services

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 10. The Senior Games update was presented by Crystal Ross, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation

Agenda Item 11. 2017 Bond Program update was presented by Louise Elam, Assistant Director.

Agenda Item 12. 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, 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 were as follows:

Robb Stewart recognized Park Board member Barbara Barbee for her receipt of the Lifetime Volunteer award for her service to the Park Department. This award was presented to her at the Volunteer Awards ceremony that was recently held. Mr. Stewart also thanked and congratulated Park staff for awards received at the Employee Awards ceremony last Friday.

President Abtahi announced that Ms. Barbee was also the newly appointed liaison to the Senior Affairs Commission and she received high praise from their board too. Mr. Abtahi also mentioned that the reminders for Send-a-Kid-to-Camp were in the water bills and that State Fair scholarship luncheon was coming up.

Bo Slaughter announced that the State Fair gave approximately \$4 million to the City for renovations at Fair Park. Mr. Slaughter also mentioned the passing of Barbara Bush and his interaction with her in the past. Mr. Slaughter also asked the Board to stand and thank the Audio/Visual staff for their behind-the-scenes contributions to the meetings.

Taylor Toyne thanked Crystal Ross, Assistant Director and her staff for the recent, successful Open Gym days at Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center.

Sonya Woods thanked Crystal Ross and Oscar Carmona, Assistant Directors, and their respective staff for their assistance with Springfest held at Opportunity Park.

Jesse Moreno thanked Park Maintenance staff for their assistance with a water leak at Dallas Heritage Village.

Calvert Collins-Bratton thanked Jason Ney and Richard Ritz, Park Department employees for their assistance and information regarding the Northaven Trail, and certain concerns by a citizen about the location of the terminus of the trail.

Barbara Barbee thanked Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director and Maintenance staff on behalf of the Friends of Oak Cliff for the constant support of the department.

Becky Rader announced a reminder for everyone to go take a walk through the Arboretum and experience "A tasteful place". Ms. Rader also thanked staff for their assistance with her questions regarding various issues.

Harrison Blair thanked Park Maintenance staff for their assistance with recent tree plantings and other park improvements that occurred at Beckley-Saner and other parks.

Tim Dickey thanked Sloan Anderson, Park department employee for her assistance with Paupers Cemetery. The graves were in disrepair and thanks to Sloan's guidance, assistance from a local metal detector's club and a news story from Channel 5, the Cemetery is slowly being brought back up to good repair.

President Abtahi thanked staff and the Park Board for their support oh him during his first year as President. This meeting at the Arboretum was his one-year anniversary as President.

Jeff Kitner announced that Sunday, April 29, 2018 will be the Friends of the Northaven Trail Family Fun/Color-Run at the Northaven Trail.

Agenda Item 13. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department events.

Daniel Huerta, Assistant Director, announced Earth X at Fair Park will be held this weekend, beginning Friday April 20 through Sunday, April 22, 2018. Mr. Huerta also passed out printed color copies of the Park Department annual report.

Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director announced that Saturday, April 21, 2018 is It's My Park Day, rain or shine from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Carmona also mentioned the roll up of all the groups participating, was emailed to each Park Board member.

Willis Winters, Director, announced that Oscar Carmona completed his national certification as Certified Park and Recreation Professional – Executive (CPRP-E).

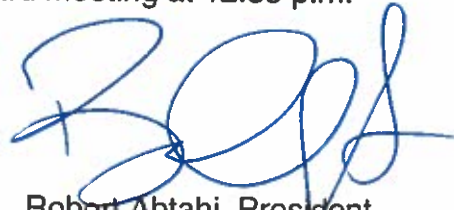
Agenda Item 14. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, May 3, 2018 at Dallas City Hall.

President Abtahi announced a possibility of a “special called” meeting regarding Fair Park possibly on Thursday, May 10 in the late-afternoon. If this meeting becomes a reality, Mr. Abtahi will be sure to provide salient details to the Park Board once they are available.

Agenda Item 15. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 12:35 p.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Interim Secretary
Park and Recreation Board



Robert Abtahi, President
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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.

