

Regular Meeting: Calvert Collins-Bratton, President, presiding

Present: Calvert Collins-Bratton, President; Robb Stewart, Vice-President; Arun Agarwal, Barbara A. Barbee, Harrison Blair, Lane Conner, Timothy W. Dickey, Maria Hasbany, Jeff Kitner, Fonya Naomi Mondell, Amanda Schulz, Ernest Bo Slaughter, Taylor Toynes, Lorena Tule-Romain, Daniel Wood – 15

Absent: NONE

This was a virtual meeting held via Cisco Webex. The public were able to view the Open Session meeting on Channel 96 or on the internet.

President Collins called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers – The following people registered to speak. Some of the speakers might no longer have been available or connected when it was their turn to speak.

NONE

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Bo Slaughter seconded by Barbara Barbee, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 Park and Recreation Board meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

### UPDATES

Director John Jenkins spoke about the current situation with COVID-19 and updated the Board. There were no updates.

### CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 -7)

Item #6 was removed from Consent. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain to approve items 3-5, 7 on Consent was approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3. Fair Oaks Tennis Center (10) – A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain, to authorize the designation and use of Fair Oaks Tennis Center, located at 7501 Merriman Parkway, as a year-round reservable facility through the City's Athletic, Events, and Reservations Office, to be available for reservable regular tennis play, tennis tournaments and large events held by leagues and schools, effective immediately upon the approval by the Park and Recreation Board – Total Estimated Net Revenue: \$44,500 (**committee considered April 8, 2021**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 Lake Highlands North (10) – A motion by Barbara Barbee seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain, to authorize the designation and use of two sand volleyball courts at Lake Highlands North Park, located at 9344 Church Road, as year-round reservable courts through the City's Athletic, Events, and Reservations Office effective immediately upon the approval by the Park and Recreation Board – Total Estimated Net Revenue: \$22,500 (**committee considered April 8, 2021**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5 Trinity Strand Trail Phase 2 (2) – A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain, to authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the professional services contract with Pacheco Koch Consulting Engineers, Inc. for additional design services associated with traffic signal design, traffic study and related services for the Trinity Strand Trail Phase II located between Turtle Creek Boulevard to the Inwood Road DART Station – Not to exceed \$97,840.00, from \$604,475.00 to \$702,315.00 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2012 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6 Reverchon Park (2) – A motion by Fonya Mondell, seconded by Arun Agarwal, to authorize the item with amended language (stated below the item) in the  
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Background Section, Paragraph 3 a professional services contract with DSGN Associates, Inc. for architectural services for the schematic design and historic preservation of the Reverchon Ballpark Improvements Project located at 3505 Maple Avenue – Not to exceed \$301,786.00 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2006 General Obligation Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

The new language reads: This professional services contract will assess the condition of the existing grandstand, dugouts, field, parking lot and drainage system and prioritize the following needs: repairs to structural steel at the grandstand and fencing; repairs/replacement to/of the field and bleachers; and other ~~additions of new (or relocation of existing) concession and storage spaces, batting cages, press and announcer spaces and an umpire changing room; architectural finish improvements for the Reverchon Ballpark Improvements Project~~ associated amenities at the Reverchon Park ball field.

Agenda Item 7 Bahama Beach, Exline, Harry Stone Aquatics Centers (3,7,9) – A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain, to authorize dedication plaques for the Phase 2 Aquatic Facilities at Bahama Beach Waterpark located at 1895 Campfire Circle, Exline Neighborhood Aquatic Center located at 2430 Eugene Street, and Harry Stone Neighborhood Aquatic Center located at 2403 Millmar Drive – Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

## **BRIEFINGS**

Agenda Item 8. Annual Report Overview – Crystal Ross, Deputy Director, presented

Agenda Item 9. Bond Program Accomplishments – John Lawrence, Assistant Director, presented along with Leong Lim and Trent Williams, Senior Park Managers.

Agenda Item 10. 2021 Department Priorities – Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director presented along with Cecilia Scheu, Manager III.

## **DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

At 11:21 am President Collins called the meeting into Closed Session.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Agenda Item 11 - Director's Performance Review 2019-20 – Closed Session to discuss the evaluation and duties of the Director of the Park and Recreation Department – Personnel (Section 551.074) of the Texas Open Meetings Act

At 12:47 pm President Collins called the meeting into Open Session.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Agenda Item 12. Director's Performance Review 2019-20 – Authorize adoption of the 2020-21 performance appraisal and salary increase for the Park and Recreation Director - Financing: Current Funds – A motion by President Collins, seconded by Barbara Barbee to authorize the rating of "Exceptional" for Director Jenkins and a merit increase of 5%. Director Jenkins thanked the Board and further indicated acceptance of the merit increase on the condition the merit be granted to him when merits 'freeze' has been lifted and merit increases are reinstated for the rest of staff.

## **OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Agenda Item 13. 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, Senior Affairs Commission, State Fair of Texas, Texas Discovery Gardens, The Trinity Commons Foundation, Trinity River Audubon Center, Turtle Creek Association, Turtle Creek Conservancy, The Woodall Rodgers Park Foundation/Klyde Warren Park were as follows:

President Collins requested the addition of Friends of Preston Ridge Trail to the liaison reports.

Jeff Kitner announced that Dallas Arts Month is underway and many things will be presented by the Office of Culture and Arts (OCA).

Daniel Wood stated Fair Park First has been increasing their fundraising and marketing and that material will be forthcoming. Mr. Wood also indicated that big announcements will be forthcoming from Fair Park First in the near future about their fundraising.

Bo Slaughter announced the Dallas Arboretum is hosting a ZimSculpt in honor of Black Heritage month. This event will begin May 1, 2021 and run through July.

Agenda Item 14 FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 Budget Development Update, Rachael Berry, Interim Assistant Director - None

Agenda Item 15 Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events. - None

Agenda Item 16. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 17. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 12:51 pm.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary  
Park and Recreation Board



Calvert Collins-Bratton, 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.

