

Regular Meeting: Robert Abtahi, President, presiding

Present: Robert Abtahi, 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 - 13

Absent: Robb P. Stewart, Vice President

President Abtahi convened the regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Jeff Kitner made a motion, seconded by Bo Slaughter to appoint Calvert Collins-Bratton as temporary Vice-President for today's meeting in the absence of Vice-President, Robb Stewart. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: NONE

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Becky Rader, to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. City Attorney Briefing: The City Attorney's Office briefed the Park Board on a. Park Board Roles, b. Open meetings Act, c. Ethics, d. Park Board Rules / Chapter 8 (Dallas City Code), e. Robert's Rules / Parliamentary Procedure

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 4 - 5)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 4. Samuell Grand Park (2) – A motion by Calvert Collins-Bratton, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize the utilization of Samuell Trust Funds to fund the removal and replacement of an asphalt parking lot to include curbs and gutters located at the corner of Samuell Boulevard and Winslow Street at Samuell Grand Park, located at 6200 East Grand Avenue, with APAC-Texas, Inc. dba Oldcastle Pavement Solutions – Total not to exceed \$138,576 – Financing: Samuell Trust Funds [Administration and Finance Committee briefed December 14, 2017], was carried. The vote was unanimous.

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 5. Phase 1 Family Aquatic Centers Package 1: Crawford Regional Family Aquatic Center (5), Fretz Regional Family Aquatic Center (11), Samuell Grand Regional Family Aquatic Center (2) – A motion by Calvert Collins-Bratton, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize an increase in the contract with The Fain Group, Inc. to add increased scope of work associated with three regional family aquatic centers at Crawford Memorial Park (5) located at 375 South Prairie Creek Road, Fretz Park (11) located at 14730 Hillcrest Road, Samuell Grand Park (2) located at 3003 Samuell Boulevard, – Not to exceed \$351,666.61 (Crawford: \$255,381.36; Fretz: \$92,952.55; Samuell Grand: \$3,332.70) from \$20,562,297.00 to \$20,913,963.61 – Financing: Elgin B. Robertson Land Sale proceeds and 2017 Bond Funds (subject to appropriations), was carried. The vote was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 6. Director's Performance Review 2016-17 – 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 11:13 a.m., President Abtahi entered into closed session.

At 12:42 p.m., President Abtahi ended closed and reconvened open session.

Agenda Item 7. Director's Performance Review 2016-17 – Authorize adoption of the 2016-17 performance appraisal for the Park and Recreation Director – Financing: Current Fund. A substitute motion to adopt the Committee's recommendation to rate the Director's performance as "exceptional" and honor a request by the Director to give any merit increase that would accompany this rating back to the Department budget was made by Robert Abtahi and seconded by Rodney Schlosser. A motion by Barbara Barbee, seconded by Yolanda Williams to call the question was carried by 2/3 vote (Collins-Bratton, Dickey, Moreno, Sims voting Nay; Stewart-Absent). The final vote on the original motion by Robert Abtahi, seconded by Rodney Schlosser was carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

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, 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:

Jeff Kitner spoke about the Dallas Parks Foundation retreat the previous Saturday and the business they discussed at that retreat. Mr. Kitner also mentioned the start of construction on Phases 2B/2C of the Northaven Trail.

Bo Slaughter spoke about his research regarding State Fair and the vendor process. Mr. Slaughter also thanked staff for their assistance with a meeting of constituents to adopt a park.

Jesse Moreno spoke about the Dallas Zoo annual dinner he attended. Mr. Moreno also mentioned that Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., there will be a clean-up day along the Santa Fe Trail, co-hosted by Friends of the Santa Fe Trail and Irma Rangel School.

Becky Rader spoke about a vendor fair at Harry Stone Recreation Center. Ms. Rader also mentioned the Dallas United Crew (DUC) summer rowing camp will last for 4 weeks and include more participants.

Harrison Blair spoke about the reopening of Fruitdale Recreation Center Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

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

NONE

Tin Dickey made a motion, seconded by Jesse Moreno to place the Park Board Rules of Procedure back on the next Agenda. President Abtahi suggested talking with the Chair of the AdHoc rules committee: Robb Stewart, who was absent from today's meeting. Mr. Dickey withdrew his motion in order to be able to speak with Mr. Stewart first.

Agenda Item 10. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Dallas City Hall.

Agenda Item 11. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 12:51 p.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.