

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, Daniel Wood – 14

Absent: Lorena Tule-Romain - 1

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 10:25

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.

Randall Bryant spoke about Leo V Chaney Opportunity Park.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Barbara Barbee seconded by Daniel Wood, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 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. Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that at the April meeting, staff would provide a more detailed briefing.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3)

Agenda Item 3. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Jeff Kitner to authorize an emergency construction services contract with Phoenix I Restoration and Construction, Ltd. for emergency repairs for the Hall of State Emergency Restoration Project located at 3939 Grand Avenue in Fair Park - Not to exceed \$2,770,979.91 – Financing: General Fund, was approved by unanimous vote.

BRIEFINGS

Agenda Item 4. Safe Parks / Security Briefing – M. Renee Johnson, Assistant Director presented and introduced Chief Gary Lindsey of the Dallas Marshalls and Chief Rick Watson of Dallas Police who were available to answer questions.

Agenda Item 5. Fair Park First Contract Addendum – Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director– Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director presented. Mr. O'Connor introduced Brian Luallen and Robert McCormick of Fair Park First who were available to answer questions.

ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 6. Opportunity Park (7) – An amended motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Maria Hasbany to authorize the official renaming of Opportunity Park to “Leo V. Chaney Jr. Opportunity Park” – Financing: No cost consideration to the City (5-person memo submitted by Wood, Hasbany, Toynes, Slaughter, Kitner), was approved by unanimous vote.

At 12:04 President Collins brought the meeting into Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item 7. Deliberation regarding the sale of property by auction, located at 17800 Dickerson Street [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]

At 12:48, President Collins closed the Closed Session deliberations and called the meeting back into Open Session.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 8. Dickerson Property (12) – A motion by Jeff Kitner, seconded by Bo Slaughter to authorize advertisement of approximately 141,134 square feet of land located at 17800 Dickerson Street for sale by public auction, with a minimum undisclosed reserve amount – Revenue dependent upon highest bid received at auction, was approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 9. 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:

Tim Dickey stated the Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC) would be fully open April 1, including their inner trails for bird watching.

Maria Hasbany stated the Dallas Arboretum has opened their “Dallas Blooms” and encourages everyone to visit as the cold weather helped the tulips bloom all at once.

Agenda Item 10 FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 Budget Development Update, Rachael Berry, Interim Assistant Director - None

Agenda Item 11. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events.

President Collins announced the new start time for ALL future Park Board meetings for the year 2021 will resume at 10:00 am rather than 11.

Agenda Item 12. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 13. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 12:52 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.