

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, Taylor Toynes, Lorena Tule-Romain, Daniel Wood – 14

Absent: Ernest “Bo” Slaughter - 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 10:12 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.

Dr. Pamela Grayson spoke about the Reservations process and her difficulties and displeasure.

Ms. Cori Pratt spoke about the Friends of Preston Ridge Trail.

Dr. Clinton Hailey spoke about skate parks.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Lorena Tule-Romain seconded by Daniel Wood, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 Park and Recreation Board meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

## **UPDATES**

Director John Jenkins - the current situation with COVID-19 and updated the Board. No updates at this time

Deputy Director Crystal R. Ross - the Department's response to the 2021 Winter Storm. No updates at this time.

## **CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 -4)**

Agenda Item 3. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Jeff Kitner, to approve the item with amended language: to authorize a professional services contract with GSR Andrade Architects, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding and negotiation, and construction administration for the Centennial Building Improvements Project located at 1001 Washington Street in Fair Park – Not to exceed \$472,640.00 - Financing: ~~Park and Recreation Facilities (B)~~ Fair Park Improvements (C) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Fund), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 Trinity Strand Trail (2) – A motion by Lorena Tule-Romain, seconded by Fonya Mondell to authorize (1) execution of a License Agreement with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a railroad crossing signaling system and appurtenances; (2) payment of \$260,395.45 in funds to DART for the construction of a railroad crossing, and; (3) payment of an annual license fee in the amount of \$1,000.00 to DART for the operation and maintenance of a railroad crossing – Not to exceed \$260,395.45 plus \$1,000 per annum – Financing: 2017 Bond Funds; General Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

## **BRIEFINGS**

President Collins began with Agenda Item #6, then continued with #5.

Agenda Item 5. Parkland Dedication Process – Ryan O'Connor, Assistant Director introduced Dennis Ware, Manager III, who presented.

Agenda Item 6. Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC) Annual Report – John Lawrence, Assistant Director introduced Shelly White, Director of the Trinity Audubon Center, who presented.

Agenda Item 7. 2021 Summer Programs – Crystal Ross, Deputy Director introduced Robin Steinschnider and Steven Baker, Sr. Park Managers who presented.

### **WORKSHOP**

Agenda item 8. Update - Future Master Plans Listing / Board-chosen Priorities –John Lawrence, Assistant Director [Board will review various master-planning requests, choose priorities, and provide staff direction] Jared White, Manager III, presented the information to the Board and took their feedback. President Collins asked the Board – by district – to rank their priorities and provide comments.

### **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, Friends of Preston Ridge 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:

Maria Hasbany announced the Dallas Arboretum is hosting ZimSculpt – a Zimbabwean sculpture presentation for Black Heritage exhibition.

Jeff Kitner announced Saturday, May 8, 2021 10am will be a groundbreaking for the Northaven Trail Bridge.

Lane Conner announced the Preston Ridge Trail and the Cotton Belt trail (DART Line that will be built in district 12) will intersect at grade and the community is very concerned with this.

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. Crystal Ross provided a few announcements and stated she would forward them to the Board: S'mores and Stories will be May 22, 2021 at 7pm, The Bachman Recreation center will reopen Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 11am; and Thurgood Marshall will reopen May 21, 2021 at 10am .

Agenda Item 12. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 13. 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.