

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, Jesse Moreno, Amanda Schulz, Ernest Slaughter, Lorena Tule-Romain, Daniel Wood - 14

Absent: Taylor Toynes - 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 10:02 a.m.

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

- 1) Bruce Esterline spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 2) Daniel Guerrero spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 3) Shuwn Strother spoke about Youth Sports
- 4) Larry Allums spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 5) Vivian Carillo spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 6) Scott Pyle spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 7) Cynthia West-Fisher spoke about the portable restrooms in Glendale Park
- 8) Howard McLaughlin spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 9) Vedrana Cehajic spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 10) James Hughes spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 11) Erik Wilson spoke about equal park enforcement
- 12) Michael Smotherman spoke about Runyon Creek Bike Trail
- 13) Dr. Eric Bing spoke in opposition to the Katy Trail item
- 14) Randy Kender spoke in opposition to the Katy Trail item
- 15) James Coleman spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item
- 16) Cricket Griffin-Etter spoke in opposition to the Katy Trail item
- 17) Claire Trotter spoke in opposition to the Katy Trail item
- 18) Alexandra Treadgold spoke in favor of the Katy Trail item

Agenda Item 2. Mr. Becker needed to make a minor correction to the April 2, 2020 minutes: Item #8 of the April 2, 2020 minutes had an incorrect address and Mr. Becker provided the correct address listed for that item. A motion by Daniel Wood, seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain, to approve the amended minutes of the April 2, 2020 Park and Recreation Board meeting, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

UPDATE

Director, John D. Jenkins updated the Park and Recreation Board about the Department's response and action to COVID-19. Mr. Jenkins and Ryan O'Connor provided an update regarding the proposed phased-in openings of Park Facilities in the near future – dependent on Federal/State/Local health regulations. Joining the update were Mary Brinegar, Director of the Dallas Arboretum, and Gregg Hudson, Director of the Dallas Zoo and were available to answer any specific questions.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3 – 12)

Items Number 10 and 11 were pulled from Consent for Individual Consideration. Bo Slaughter moved, seconded by Daniel Wood to approve items 3-9 on consent. Motion carried by unanimous vote (Toynes absent).

Agenda Item 3. Master Agreement (Citywide) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Daniel Wood, to authorize a three-year master agreement for the purchase of trash & recycling receptacles and lids for the Park and Recreation Department - Pasco

Brokerage, Inc., lowest responsive and responsible bidders of three - Total award not to exceed \$455,135.50 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Bachman Greenbelt (13) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Daniel Wood, to authorize the intent for the use of Land Acquisition and Partnership Match Funding in Proposition B of the 2017 Bond Program for match funding for Bachman Creek Greenbelt located at 3900 Shorecrest Drive, not to exceed \$45,000.00 - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Daniel Wood, to authorize an increase in the construction services contract with Phoenix I Restoration and Construction, Ltd. for additional scope of work for construction of the Hall of State Restoration Project including roof repairs, waterproofing, additional lead-based paint removal and other miscellaneous work located at 3939 Grand Avenue in Fair Park - Not to exceed \$325,591.58, from \$10,074,399.98 to \$10,399,991.56 - Financing: Fair Park Improvements (C) Fund (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6. Garrett Park (2) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Daniel Wood, to authorize a construction contract for the playground replacement at Garrett Park located at 1506 North Garrett Avenue with Kompan North America, Inc. through the Texas Association of School Boards cooperative agreement - Not to exceed \$306,360.67 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2006 Bond Funds) (\$37,547.93), Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 Bond Funds) (\$134,406.37), and Capital Gifts, Donation and Development Fund (\$134,406.37), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7. Fair Park (7) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Daniel Wood, to authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 5 to the design-build contract with Harrison, Walker & Harper, LP. for Facility Improvements for an increase to the construction package and additional architectural and engineering services for the renovation of the Music Hall located at 909 First Avenue and African American Museum located at 3536 Grand Avenue - Not to exceed \$317,629.80, from \$5,879,297.05 to \$6,196,926.85 – Financing: Fair Park Improvements (C) Fund (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8. TAP Application (1,3) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Daniel Wood, to authorize **(1)** application of a candidate project to the North Central Texas Council of Governments through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for cost reimbursement in the Active Transportation Project category for the proposed: a) Five Mile Creek Trail in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, and b) the Coombs Creek Trail in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, and **(2)** a required local match not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information for future funding), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9. Singing Hills Recreation Center (8) – A motion by Bo Slaughter, seconded by Daniel Wood, to authorize an increase in the construction services contract with 3i Contracting, LLC for additional scope of work at Singing Hills Replacement Recreation Center - Phase 2 located at 6805 Patrol Way - Not to exceed \$540,809.83, from \$6,574,161.64 to \$7,114,971.47 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 Bond Funds), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10. Circuit Trail Connector (2,6) – A motion by Jesse Moreno, seconded by Tim Dickey, to defer this item to the next regular Park Board meeting. Discussion of the item continued. Mr. Moreno proposed a meeting be set up with Park Staff, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Moreno, Ms. Schulz and the Trail Conservancy to discuss the item further. The motion to defer this item to the next Park Board meeting was carried by unanimous vote (Toynes absent)

This item would authorize **(1)** an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (Agreement No. CSJ: 0918-47-296) for construction of the Circuit Trail Connector in the amount of approximately \$18,834,080.00 of which the Federal portion is \$8,000,000.00, the State's indirect cost portion is \$809,080.00, and the City of Dallas' local match is \$10,025,000.00; **(2)** a portion of the required local match (\$10,025,00.00) in

the amount \$45,000.00 to be paid by warrant check to the State at the beginning of the project; (3) the receipt and deposit of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funds in the amount of \$8,000,000.00 in the Circuit Trail Connector Fund; (4) the establishment of appropriations in the amount of \$8,000,000.00 in the Circuit Trail Connector Fund; (5) allocation of \$10,025,000.00 in 2017 Bond Funds as the City of Dallas' local cash match and (6) execution of the grant agreement including all terms, conditions and documents required by the grant agreement - Total Amount \$18,834,080.00 - Financing: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funds (\$8,000,000.00), Texas Department of Transportation (\$809,080.00), and Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 Bond Funds) (\$10,025,000.00).

Agenda item 11. Katy Trail (14) – A motion by Amanda Schulz, seconded by Bo Slaughter, to authorize 1) the use of Land Acquisition and Partnership Match Funding in Proposition B of the 2017 Bond Program for match funding for the new soft surface trail south of Fitzhugh in the amount of \$99,000.00 and 2) a second amendment to the existing design and construction agreement with the Friends of the Katy Trail, Inc. for the extension of the soft surface trail on a portion of the Katy Trail located between Blackburn Street and Armstrong Avenue and for resurfacing of the existing soft surface trail to include additional 2017 Bond Funds in an amount not to exceed \$99,000.00 - Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 Bond Funds) \$99,000.00. A record vote was requested and granted. The motion was carried by unanimous vote (14 – 0 – 1, with Toyne absent)

Agenda item 12. Citywide – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Calvert Collins-Bratton, to authorize cancellation of the May 21, 2020 Park Board Meeting - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried by unanimous vote.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 13. Main Street Garden (14) – A motion by Amanda Schulz, seconded by Barbara Barbee, to authorize site approval for the installation of a donated artwork sculpture of Adelfa Callejo at the northeast corner of Main Street Garden located at 1920 Main Street - Financing: No cost consideration to the City. The motion was carried by majority vote (Toyne absent) (**City Council remanded item back to Park Board on February 14, 2020**)

WORK SESSION

Agenda Item 14. Department Budget Update and FY 2020-21 Workshop, John Lawrence, Assistant Director. Mr. Lawrence updated the Park Board on the Park Department proposals to the City Manager regarding department budget reductions and efficiencies as part of the overall plan to reduce expenses by the City Manager.

After this item, President Collins requested to take up Agenda Item #12 individually for Board Discussion.

BRIEFINGS

NONE

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 15. 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:

Bo Slaughter wanted to thank staff for their efforts on the Singing Hills Recreation Center project.

Tim Dickey spoke about the Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC) and that it would remain closed through June 30, 2020 with some staff layoffs. Mr. Dickey also mentioned

that their lawnmower broke and asked if Park Department could assist with some maintenance of the mower until a new one could be procured.

Jeff Kitner spoke about some of the challenges that the Office of Cultural Affairs/Cultural Affairs Commission were having during this time and are offering more experiences online. Mr. Kitner wanted to direct people to www.dallasculture.org/oac for more information.

Agenda Item 16. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events

John D. Jenkins, Director, wanted to acknowledge the Park and Recreation IT Staff, and Liz Whittle for assisting with making these virtual meetings possible. Mr. Jenkins also wanted to acknowledge the Accounts Payable staff who have been working very hard to ensure that the bills are being paid on time and that both groups have been instrumental at keeping this department running as smoothly as possible.

Agenda Item 17. Next Park Board meeting. The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, June 4, 2020 – by WEBEX.

Agenda Item 18. President Collins adjourned the Board meeting at 1:41 p.m.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary
Park and Recreation Board



Calvert Collins-Bratton, 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.