

Regular Meeting: Arun Agarwal, President, presiding

Present: Arun Agarwal, President; Daniel Wood, Vice-President; Harrison Blair, Calvert Collins-Bratton, Lane Conner, Timothy W. Dickey, Maria Hasbany, Estanislao “JR” Huerta, Rudy Karimi, Jeff Kitner, Fonya Mondell, Ernest “Bo” Slaughter, Robb Stewart, Lorena Tule-Romain – 14

Absent: -

Vacant: District 3

This was a virtual meeting held via Cisco Webex and in person in the 6FS conference room. The public were able to view the Open Session meeting on the internet. The public were also able to attend in person.

President Agarwal 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.

Don Williams- Reverchon Park  
Richard Shaffer- Reverchon Baseball field  
David Preziosi- Reverchon Ball Field Restoration  
Gerry Mecca- Reverchon Ballfield  
Ann Margolin- Reverchon Ballfield  
Brian Barnett- Reverchon Ballfield  
Silvia Salinas- Reverchon Field

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Bo Slaughter seconded by Lorena Tule-Romain, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Park and Recreation Board meeting was carried by unanimous vote.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- Special recognition of former Park Board member Amanda Schulz for her service to the park board.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (3-6)**

Agenda Item 3. Dallas Arboretum (9) - A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Rudy Karimi, to authorize a twenty-four (24) month annual funding agreement with the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc. in the amount of \$374,393.00 to provide services and program support within the city of Dallas for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and in the amount of \$424,393 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Not to exceed \$798,786.00 – Financing: General Fund (**considered by committee on November 4, 2021**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4. Cedar Ridge Preserve (3) - A motion by Robb Stewart seconded by Rudy Karimi, to authorize a twelve (12) month funding agreement with Dallas County Audubon Society, Inc. dba Audubon Dallas for Cedar Ridge Preserve in the amount of \$56,002.00 to provide services and programs within the city of Dallas for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022 – Not to exceed \$56,002.00 – Financing: General Fund (**considered by committee on November 4, 2021**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5. Texas Discovery Gardens (7) - A motion by Robb Stewart seconded by Rudy Karimi, to authorize a twelve-month funding agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens in the amount of \$138,569.00, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to provide community outreach services, horticulture information services and presentations at community centers and special facilities within the city of Dallas for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Not to exceed \$138,569.00 – Financing: General Fund (**considered by committee on November 4, 2021**), was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6. Twin Falls Park (3) – A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Rudy Karimi, to authorize interpretive signage in support of section “B” of the Park and Recreation Board Interpretive Signage Policy in connection with the Tribute to Arthello Beck Jr. sculpture at Twin Falls Park, located at 6300 South Polk Street – Financing: Office of Arts and Culture Collection Management Fund, was carried by unanimous vote.

### **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

Director John Jenkins explained to the board the management agreement was not ready to be voted on and asked that they take no action on agenda item 7.

Agenda Item 7. The Board took no action on this item.

Management Agreement (14) - Authorize (1) declaration of approximately 3,280 square feet of undevelopable City-owned land unwanted and unneeded, located east of the intersection of Main and South Akard Streets, and authorize its sale to Main Street Investors Joint Venture, the abutting owner; and (2) a twenty-year management and maintenance agreement with one five-year renewal option, such renewal option to be approved by the Park Board, with Main Street Investors Joint Venture for the management and maintenance of an existing second and third floor balcony and an existing ground level patio area - Revenue: Park Fund \$345,000.00 – Revenue: \$345,000.00,

Agenda Item 8. Park Board Resolution (All)- A motion by Bo Slaughter seconded by Harrison Blair, to authorize Dallas Park and Recreation Board resolution supporting federal, state, and local efforts providing the COVID-19 vaccine., was carried by unanimous vote.

### **ITEM FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Manager John Reynolds explained to the board the contractor, C. Green Scaping is not able to fulfill the contract. Therefore, procedurally the board must vote to reconsider their vote from October 21, 2021.

Agenda Item 9. A motion by Robb Stewart seconded by Daniel Wood, for the Reconsideration of the Park and Recreation Board vote on October 21, 2021 authorizing a construction services contract with C. Green Scaping to perform work at Kidd Springs Japanese Garden – Financing: No cost consideration to the City [**Item #10 cannot be considered until the passage of item #9**], was carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10. Kidd Springs Garden (1)- A motion by Robb Stewart seconded by JR Huerta, to deny the Authorization of construction services contract with C. Green Scaping, LP, lowest responsive bidder of three responsive bids, for the construction of the Kidd Springs Park Japanese Garden renovations located at 700 West Canty Street – Not to exceed \$932,588.00 Financing: Park and Recreation Facilities (B) Fund (2017 General Obligation Bond Fund).[ Item from October 21, 2021], was carried by unanimous vote.

### **WORKSHOP**

Agenda Item 11. Reverchon Ballfield Restoration workshop- Board will review options and finalize the scope of work.

Ryan O'Connor presented. Board members were given 3 rounds for discussion in district order. The board provided the following recommendations (including, but not limited to) to staff:

- [That the consultant should proceed with a historical design concept](#)
- [The restrooms, concessions and electrical room should be located underneath the grandstand.](#)
- [The concession area should be enclosed with roll-top windows.](#)
- [The ballfield should have natural grass.](#)

[for further information, please see video of meeting on City of Dallas website]

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – DIRECTOR’S PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

Closed Session

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Agenda Item 12. Clarification of the performance rating of the Director of Park and Recreation, John D. Jenkins – Tex Govt Code 551.074

The Park and Recreation Board entered into closed session at 1:56pm.  
The Park and Recreation Board entered back into open session at 2:53pm.

In open session President Agarwal read in to the record that Director Jenkins received a 5% merit increase.

### 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, 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:

Board announcements:

Maria Hasbany announced the White Rock Hills Park celebration on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Fonya Mondell announced yoga event at Samuel Grand Park on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 10:00am.

Rudy Karimi announced a Neighbors United Kickball game, Dallas Police Department vs. the Neighborhood Association at Willis Winters Park on Saturday November 13, 2021 at 1:00pm.

Tim Dickey announced The Trinity River Audubon Center had a successful fundraising event- Songbirds and Supper. Where they were able to raise over \$73,000.

Daniel Wood announced the Rolling Stones concert that took place on November 2, 2021 at the Cotton Bowl in Fair Park, the World Food Championships on November 5 through November 7, 2021 at Centennial Hall in Fair Park.

Agenda Item 14. Staff Announcements – Upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events.

None.

Agenda Item 15. Next Park Board meeting (RETREAT). The next Park Board meeting will be Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 16. President Agarwal adjourned the Board meeting at 3:02pm.



Anthony M. Becker, Secretary  
Park and Recreation Board



Arun Agarwal, 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.