

Regular Meeting: Robert Abtahi, President, presiding

Present: Robert Abtahi, President; Robb P. Stewart, Vice President; Barbara A. Barbee, Harrison Blair, Calvert Collins-Bratton, Timothy W. Dickey, Jeff Kitner, Jesse Moreno, Susan Rader, Marlon Rollins, Rodney Schlosser, Paul Sims, Ernest Slaughter, Yolanda F. Williams, Sonya Woods - 15

Absent: NONE

President Abtahi convened the regular meeting at 9:21 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Agenda Item 1. Speakers: The following list of speakers all spoke about Item #8 – Dallas United Crew:

James Northrup, Melody Hamilton, Jeff Snoyer, Eva Csaky, John Fay, Tammy Adams, and Steve Perry.

Elisabeth Akin spoke about It's My Park Day at White Rock Lake Park.

A motion by Robb Stewart, seconded by Bo Slaughter to discuss Agenda Item #8 was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 2. A motion by Marlon Rollins, seconded by Paul Sims, to deny the minutes of the November 2, 2017 Park and Recreation Board Meeting since a motion to add an agenda item given during "Other" section of the November 2, 2017 Agenda was not reported in the November 2, 2017 minutes, was placed.

President Abtahi instructed the Park Board Secretary and Counsel to review the video of the November 2, 2017 Park Board meeting to clear up confusion regarding a question of whether or not a motion was made by Marlon Rollins to place a review of the rules on the day's agenda, at that meeting.

A motion by Rodney Schlosser, seconded by Robb Stewart to call the question and end discussion on Mr. Rollins' motion, was not carried for failure to obtain the required 2/3 votes.

A motion to amend Mr. Rollins' motion on the floor was made by Robb Stewart, seconded by Rodney Schlosser to postpone further discussion of the minutes until 11:30 to give the Secretary and Counsel time to review the video, was carried by majority vote.

At 11:52 a.m., the Board revisited the issue with the November 2, 2017 minutes.

Ben Samples, Assistant City Attorney, reported that, after viewing the video, it was determined that: Mr. Rollins' motion was not timely because it was improperly placed during liaison reports; and, although Mr. Moreno read 7.1 and 7.2, there was no motion made. Mr. Rollins spoke about the item, but did not bring a motion back to the Board, subsequently it was not reported on the minutes. Mr. Samples also informed the Board that minutes can be corrected or amended, but not 'denied' – therefore, a future motion must be stated properly.

Paul Sims withdrew his 'second' of the original motion and made a new motion, seconded by Marlon Rollins, to amend the minutes to reflect that Mr. Rollins made a motion under "Other" during the November 2, 2017 Board meeting, was not carried. (vote 7-8).

Jeff Kitner motioned, seconded by Calvert Collins-Bratton to amend the minutes to reflect December 9, 2017, instead of November 9, 2017, as the date of the Northaven Trail dedication, was carried, by majority vote.

Agenda Item 3. Rick Watson, Deputy Chief, Dallas Police Department, reported on items related to the Park Department.

A motion by Becky Rader, seconded by Paul Sims to reconsider Item #10 from the November 2, 2017 Agenda (Randall Park) at the next Park Board Meeting on December 7, 2017, was carried by majority vote.

Agenda Item 4. Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director briefed the Park Board about It's My Park Day 2017.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 5 - 8)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 5. Cedar Ridge Preserve (3) - A motion by Rodney Schlosser, seconded by Barbara Barbee, 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 \$58,949 to provide services and programs within the City of Dallas for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Not to exceed \$58,949 – Financing: Current Funds, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 6. Texas Discovery Gardens (7) – A motion by Rodney Schlosser, seconded by Barbara Barbee, to authorize a twelve (12) month funding agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens in the amount of \$145,862 to provide services and programs within the City of Dallas for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 – total not to exceed \$145,862 – Financing: Current Funds, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. Dallas Arboretum Botanical Society (9) – A motion by Rodney Schlosser, seconded by Barbara Barbee, to authorize a twelve (12) month Funding Agreement with the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc. in the amount of \$394,098 to provide services and programs within the City of Dallas for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 – Not to exceed \$394,098 – Financing: Current Funds, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item 8. White Rock Lake (9) – A motion by Rodney Schlosser, seconded by Becky Rader, to authorize a five-year agreement, with two five-year renewal options with Dallas United Crew, Inc. to design, develop, construct, operate, maintain and pay for a Portable Equipment Shelter to store rowing equipment only at White Rock Lake for high school rowing programs - Estimated annual revenue: \$6,200 [Administration and Finance Committee briefed November 2, 2017], was carried. The vote was unanimous.

Rodney Schlosser informed the Board that, due to an oversight, some of the edits the Administration and Finance Committee discussed were not included in the final Agenda Information Sheet that was presented before the Board. Mr. Schlosser passed out the edited language. The edits are listed below in red.

Section 2. Dallas United Crew at its sole cost shall undertake the development of the premises as approved by Director or designee. DUC has 24-months from date of execution of the Agreement to commence construction of the improvements. and shall complete such improvements within twelve months of commencing construction (subject to reasonable extension for force majeure). If DUC fails to timely commence or complete construction, the City, at its option, may terminate the Agreement for convenience.

Section 7. DUC shall monitor security and crowd control within the Premises and any areas occupied or utilized by it or its contractors. DUC's responsibility to monitor security, however shall not in any way prevent, hinder or affect City's Police Department and Fire Department or Park Department Rangers or other City of Dallas staff from providing services and performing their official duties as required for the Premises.

Section 11. DUC shall submit annual financial reports and certified financial statements and DUC's most recent IRS Form 990 to the Director for review, and shall post and maintain such financial reports and DUC's most recent IRS Form 990 on its website at all times for public access. In addition DUC shall provide to the Director annually and post and maintain up to date on its website a list of the board members of DUC.

Section 15. Minimum performance metrics to be set annually shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- DUC will host a minimum of four (4) on-campus recruiting events for youth rowing each year for DISD, RISD, and other students that are residents of the City of Dallas and continue to promote collegiate scholarship potential from within.
- DUC will conduct introductory learn-to-row events for adults and children in the community and through its summer Rec Camps on an annual basis.
- DUC will award at a minimum, one (1) needs based collegiate scholarship to a resident of the City of Dallas

PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

NONE

Jesse Moreno proposed two requests for Staff to research: 1) that committee materials be sent to committee sooner and 2) committee meetings be televised. Mr. Jenkins offered to research the requests.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item 9. All – A motion by Rodney Schlosser, seconded by Yolanda Williams, to authorize adoption of the proposed 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Schedule – changing the listed date of January 18, 2018 to January 25, 2018 as the corrected date of the 2nd Park Board meeting in January - Financing: No cost consideration to the City, was carried. The vote was unanimous.

WORK SESSION

Agenda Item 10. Park Naming Policy

John Jenkins, Deputy Director, Park and Recreation Department
Oscar Carmona, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department

President Abtahi requested that each Board Member email Mr. Jenkins their edits. The Board also verbally provided their suggestions to the document to Mr. Jenkins.

President Abtahi called for a recess at 11:29 a.m. President Abtahi reconvened the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

OTHER/NON-ACTION ITEMS

Jesse Moreno motioned, seconded by Marlon Rollins, to invoke rule 11.2 – Suspension of Rules - of the Park Board Rules of Procedure to suspend the rules in order to amend rules sections 7.1 and 7.2 of the Park Board Rules of Procedure. Counsel advised that a vote may not be taken since this was not posted on the agenda. President Abtahi ruled the motion out of order.

Agenda Item 11. 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:

Barbara Barbee reported that the “Flora Event” at the Texas Discovery Gardens was a success.

Agenda Item 12. Staff announcements regarding upcoming Park and Recreation Department Events.

Crystal Ross, Assistant Director of Recreation announced that there would be luncheons of appreciation for staff who assisted with the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. She stated she would send an email inviting the Board and would list the specific date/times and places of the luncheons. Ms. Ross stated the locations were: Samuell Grand, Tommie Allen and Walnut Hill Recreation Centers.

Ms. Ross also introduced members of her staff who attended the Park Board meeting to become more engaged in the governing process.

Agenda Item 13. Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center (Fair Park) located at 1403 Washington Street, Dallas, Texas 75210

Agenda Item 16. President Abtahi adjourned the Board meeting at 12:15 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.