



## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Regular meeting held at  
Florence Recreation Center  
2501 Whitson Way

7 p.m.

January 11, 2018

### MINUTES

#### **I. Call to Order**

Susan Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### **II. Roll Call of Members**

Present: Faustino Leos, Kelly Wagoner, Susan Erickson, Keith Briggs, Sheila Lynn, Brooks Watts and Leonard Williams.

Members Absent: Gary Caldwell and Ken Burris.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Harrell, Robert Blankenship, Glen Taft and Nikki Sassenus.

Public Present: Fred Poe

#### **III. Adoption of Minutes**

Sheila Lynn moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting as presented. Keith Briggs seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

#### **IV. Hear From the Public**

None

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Florence Recreation Center Tour**

Elizabeth Harrell welcomed the Board and visitors to Florence Recreation Center. A tour was provided of the center for everyone present. An Open House will be scheduled this summer when park is complete so activities can be held inside and outside. Elizabeth Harrell thanked Robert Blankenship for all his efforts in transforming the facility into something the city can be proud of.

##### **B. Christmas in the Park Wrap Up**

Yvonne Lane informed Board Members that the Christmas in the Park Event was well attended. Attendance is estimated at approximately 5,000. The public survey provided a good response on the overall event. Staff reviewed the traditional and new activities and the hours will expand to 7 pm next year.

#### **VI. Subcommittee/Staff Reports**

##### **A. CIP Report**

Robert Blankenship provided an updated CIP projects list for the Board to review.

Highlights include:

- Florence Park reconfiguration-MISD has finished their portion of park improvements. The City's scope of work has started and is scheduled for completion mid-February.
- Westlake Sports Center new pro shop and site improvements received an acceptable bid from a contractor and should begin construction late February with estimated completion in June.

- Camp Rorie Galloway shelter bids exceeded budget and working with Noveau construction to identify acceptable scope and cost.
- New projects for 2017-2018 are moving forward including Vanston playground.

**B. Recreation Services**

Nikki Sassenus provided an update of recreation services programs and events.

Highlights include:

- After School Adventures programs continue. Turkey Camp and Winter Camp were offered in November and December during MISD holiday closures.
- Winter Youth Basketball practices began November 16<sup>th</sup> with games starting December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Adults 50+ program participants stayed busy with activities that included; a trip to the Bath House for It's a Wonderful Life Radio Play, Thanksgiving pot luck party, Christmas Movie Marathon, trips to Canton First Monday and movie days.
- Annual Tree Lighting was held on November 28<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Square, featured kids crafts, performances by Stage Door Dance, free hot cocoa and cookies and lightning of the new 18ft Christmas tree. Estimated attendance is 500 people.
- The 31<sup>st</sup> Christmas in the Park was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at Westlake Park. The event concluded each night with the "Here Comes Christmas Parade" and fireworks.
- The first ever Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration is scheduled for January 15, 2018 at Mesquite Arts Center.
- Polar Plunge is scheduled for January 27, 2018 at City Lake Aquatic Center.
- Daddy Daughter Dance is scheduled for February 2, 2018 at Mesquite Convention Center.

**C. Park Services**

Glen Taft provided an update of Park Services operations.

Highlights include:

- Holiday clean up, remove all lights and build storage to keep things organized.
- Equipment maintenance and winterizing of playgrounds.
- Tree trimming continues.
- Athletics staff adding clay to practice fields.
- Continue in assisting with community campaigns.

**D. Golf Course**

Elizabeth Harrell provided an update of the Golf Course operations. Due to the weather it was closed December 30, 2017-January 4, 2018. End of year financials reported at City Council. Buddy Copeland tournament with MISD coming up soon.

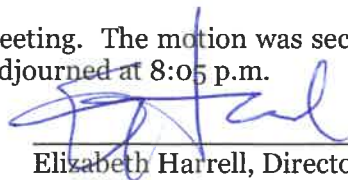
**VII. Board Concerns**

None

**VIII. Requests for Information, Agenda Items**

**IX. Adjournment**

Brooks Watts moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kelly Wagoner and was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Elizabeth Harrell, Director  
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Date Approved: 2-8-18