

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

NOVEMBER 14, 2013

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board met in regular session at the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Conference Room, 1611 North Stonebridge Drive, McKinney, Texas on November 14, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Board members Present: Mike Arnold, Jay Ray, Matt McGuire, Bryan Perkins, Jackie Brewer and Kip Dixon

Absent: Melanie Butler

Staff Present: Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Lemuel Randolph, Parks Maintenance Superintendent Tim White, Recreation Superintendent Ryan Mullins, Senior Parks Planner Jenny Baker, Facilities Construction Manager Patricia Jackson, Old Settlers Recreation Aide Jarvis Boyd and Administrative Assistant Sharon Lewis.

Also in attendance were: The Courts Manager Matt Hanlin, Lifetime Tennis Inc. Executive Director Dana Gill and Oak Hollow Golf Course Pro Steven Clayton.

Guests Present: Jason Dingess, 10216 Flat Creek Trail, McKinney, Texas 75070 and Jonathan Lewis, 8700 Stacy Road, McKinney, Texas 75070; and out of town guests were Robert Kudlicki, 1911 Marseilles Court, Carrollton, Texas 75007 and Quentin Taylor, 2732 Glenhaven, Plano, Texas 75023.

Chairman Ray called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

13-1176 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of October 10, 2013

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Mike Arnold, seconded by Board member Matt McGuire, the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of October 10, 2013.

REPORTS

13-1177 Division Reports

There were no questions or comments regarding the Oak Hollow Golf Course report.

The Courts Manager Hanlin introduced Lifetime Tennis, Inc. Executive Director Dana Gill. Mr. Hanlin announced that 4 out of 5 of their Junior teams have advanced to the Sectional Finals in Waco to take place on November 16 & 17.

Mr. White announced Home Grown Plants of Farmersville donated all of the kale and pansies for the planters on the Square. The owner contacted Mr. White offering his donation of the plants. Signage was placed on the Square recognizing Home Grown Plants for their donation.

Recreation Superintendent Mullins introduced Old Settlers Recreation Center's Recreation Aide Jarvis Boyd. Mr. Mullins presented a slide show of various events that had taken place over the past month. He announced that the Mother & Son Western Night will be an annual event. He stated staff met with representatives of the Dr Pepper Stars who are promoting a new program called "Broom Ball". They are offering to present each school with a \$600 package of Broom Ball equipment and train school staff on how to play the game. Mr. Mullins also announced that the Dallas Stars will be practicing at the McKinney Dr Pepper Stars Center on Tuesday, November 19th, at 10 a.m. Mr. Mullins responded to questions from the Board.

The Parks Development report was presented by Ms. Jackson. Ms. Jackson stated that eleven submittals were received on the Request for Proposal for Architect/Engineer Services for the Aquatics and Fitness Center. The proposals will be evaluated as soon as possible and presented to the Board at the December meeting for action. Ms. Jackson responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Randolph announced that the new Parks Development Superintendent Tony Nielsen will start on December 2, 2013.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13-1178 Discuss Limiting Neighborhood Park Use During School Hours

Mr. Randolph stated that the City Manager and the Superintendent of Schools met last week but he hadn't been briefed on the outcome of the meeting. Mr. Randolph has suggested a forum for public input would need to be held before any decisions are made. The City Manager has

developed options limiting neighborhood parks during school but doesn't know if any will be accepted. There are three sights—Glen Oaks, Walker and Wilmeth—that appear to be the main sights of concern based on previous incidents. Chairman Ray stated the Board has had many discussions in the past on this topic and, wants to know if the Board will consider any action on this item as the issue doesn't appear to be going away. Mr. Randolph stated that the playground usage by the schools is between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mr. Randolph stated he didn't have any options to present at this time as he hasn't been presented with the school district's specific concerns. Chairman Ray stated the Board could wait and see what happens and act then as we don't know of any proposals. Board member McGuire stated he spoke with a City Council person who shared that the Council doesn't know what the school district wants to do. The Board requested this item to be presented at the December 12, 2013 meeting for action.

13-1179 Discuss Potential for BMX Facility

Mr. Randolph stated that at the April Board meeting, discussion was held on the interest of BMXers being accommodated with a potential BMX facility. There is sufficient budget in the Bonnie Wenk Park to accommodate a BMX facility in some way. Mr. Randolph stated the City needs to hear from the community regarding the level of interest there is in a bike park. He said a concrete park would be more costly with less maintenance. A dirt facility would require a way to water to keep the dust down and daily maintenance.

Jason Dingess, 10216 Flat Creek Trail, McKinney, Texas 75070 spoke in favor of a concrete facility as he loves the bowls, 10-12 steps, tatter rails, flat ledges and large ramps. He said he didn't have any interest in a dirt track. He suggested checking out the BMX track at Chandler, Texas as it would be a good example of what he would be interested in. He said there is a small park in Austin also.

Jonathan Lewis, 8700 Stacy Road, McKinney, Texas 75070 spoke in favor of a concrete BMX facility. He stated that the City needs to have someone very knowledgeable in the maintenance of the facility.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Randolph stated that the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department made the decision to suspend sanctioned status of the McKinney Little League Association at least one year, which was not made lightly. He stated that the McKinney Little League decision was made after the league registration began and then decided to not conduct a fall youth baseball season. Their decision affected a lot of children, some who chose to play with the McKinney Baseball Association and others who chose not to play baseball at all. The McKinney Little League Association will need to reapply after the one year period of deactivation through the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department for approval to offer a youth baseball program in the City of McKinney.

Chairman Ray adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

JAY RAY
Chairman

