

**CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, April 14, 2011 4:30 p.m.
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Administration Office
Carey Cox Memorial Park**

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board of the City of McKinney, Texas, met in regular session at the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Administration Office at Carey Cox Memorial Park on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Board members present were: Chairman Manson (Sonny) Fee, Chris McHale, Peter Bailey and Jay Ray. Board members absent were Vice Chairman David Clarke, Leslie Warren and John McCaskill. Staff members present were Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Lemuel Randolph, Parks Maintenance Superintendent Tim White, Recreation Superintendent Charlie Bryant, Parks Development Superintendent Steve Brainerd, Senior Parks Planner Jenny Baker and Administrative Assistant Charlene Craft. Also attending were Golf Pro Mike Watson of Oak Hollow Golf Course and Director David Taylor of the McKinney Performing Arts Center. Guests present were students, parents and teachers representing Dowell and Cockrill Middle Schools. Also attending was the Principal of Dowell Middle School, Dr. Logan Farris.

Chairman Fee presided.

Chairman Fee began the agenda with the following Consent Item:

On a motion by Board Member Bailey, seconded by Board Member Ray, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Item.

Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of February 10, 2011. 11-06

On a motion by Board Member Bailey, seconded by Board Member Ray and all the Board Members who stated aye, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Item.

Consider/Discuss/Act on Quarterly Report and Commissions Report. 11-07

Chairman Fee continued the agenda with the Regular Items.

Information/Discuss on Division Reports 11-08

Division Reports for Golf, Parks Maintenance, Recreation and Parks Development were reviewed by the Board.

Golf Pro Watson responded to questions from the Board stating that March had the best revenue on record, the golf course had many tournaments and the course is in

great shape. They are hoping for the local high schools to choose Oak Hollow as their regular venue. Mr. Watson invited the Board to attend the Mayor's Championship Cup coming up May 19, 2011.

Parks Maintenance Superintendent White responded to questions from the Board and discussed fertilization of the fields and parks stating that good aeration and feeding of the grass is necessary to maintain them for the many sports teams who regularly play on them.

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd presented a slideshow and responded to questions from the Board regarding the Veterans Memorial Park in McKinney, the World Collection of Crape Myrtles Garden, Gabe Nesbitt shade structures and the McKinney Soccer Complex tournament pavilion. Mr. Brainerd discussed the conceptual picture of the landmark for Bonnie Wenk Park, stating that it is meant to look like a silo or water cistern. Inside it will be a control room for the future amphitheatre. He added that this is a very complicated project and we are looking at a timeframe of spring or summer 2012 for completion.

Recreation Superintendent Bryant responded to questions from the Board and added information regarding the conceptual design of a skate park, the Easter Eggstravaganza and the increase in participants this year on our co-ed kickball and softball teams. Mr. Bryant announced that there would be a skate park presentation at the end of the meeting by the students who were present as guests.

Consider/Take Possible Action on Naming of Tennis Complex. 11-09

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Randolph stated that he wanted the Board to seriously consider the suggested names to be representative of what we want for McKinney. He asked that the Board consider any and all names on the list we provided and also any other suggestions that the Board may have.

Board Member Bailey remarked that in his opinion the only person on the list who he believes is connected is Johnny Urbano.

On a motion by Board Member Bailey, seconded by Board Member McHale, the Board unanimously approved to table the naming of the tennis complex to the next meeting in May.

Consider/Take Possible Action on PROS Tour Date Change (Leslie Warren). 11-10

Chairman Manson (Sonny) Fee stated that since there seemed to be no interest in postponing the tour date the Board will stay with the current date of 4/16/11. Parks Maintenance Superintendent White offered to take Board Member Warren, along with Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd, on a tour of the parks at a later date. It was determined that a motion to approve was not required.

Information/Discuss on McKinney Performing Arts Center 11-11

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Randolph stated that previously the Board had requested a quarterly report from the McKinney Performing Arts Center and in keeping with their request; he then introduced the MPAC Director, David Taylor. Mr. Taylor discussed the future and functions of the MPAC and responded to questions from the Board.

Information/Discuss on Skate Park Curriculum Update and Presentation. 11-12

Recreation Superintendent Bryant introduced two students, Devon Babjac, from Dowell Middle School, and Tyler Kohls, from Cockrill Middle School, both of whom did a Skate Park presentation to the Board. After the presentation, the Board and staff graded them and turned in the results to Mr. Bryant to later determine the best presentation. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Randolph noted that the students matched many of our current design elements for our planned skate park.

Citizen Comments. 11-13

There were no citizen comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

MANSON (SONNY) FEE, CHAIR