

## **PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 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 September 12, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Board members Present: Michael Arnold, Peter Bailey, Jackie Brewer, Matt McGuire, Bryan Perkins, Jay Ray and Leslie Warren.

Absent: None

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 and Administrative Assistant Sharon Lewis.

Guests Present: The Courts Manager Matt Hanlin and Oak Hollow Golf Course Pro Mike Watson.

### **13-928** Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of July 11, 2013

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Warren, seconded by Board member Bailey, to Approve 13-928 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of July 11, 2013.

## **REPORTS**

### **13-929** Division Reports

Mr. Watson announced that a "Benefit from the Heart" golf tournament will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> for Rick Clayton, employee Stephen Clayton's father, who recently had a heart transplant. He also announced that Oak Hollow Golf Course will have their Chamber of Commerce membership Grand Opening on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Watson stated that food and beverage sales for August 2013 have increased by \$8,000 over August 2012 sales due mainly to catering events at the clubhouse.

Mr. White announced that the McKinney Community Development Corporation Board has approved the recommendation to City Council to fund the purchase of several pieces of equipment for the Parks Maintenance Division.

Board Chair Ray suggested doing a video of the trails and have it accessible to the public on the City's website.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Randolph stated that the technology department will be purchasing equipment that will allow filming of our trails for the public to view.

The Courts manager Matt Hanlin stated that due to growth, The Courts staff has been allowed to use the high school tennis courts. On August 25<sup>th</sup>, The Courts team taught 40+ physical education teachers how to train their students to love the game of tennis. The Courts also donated 2,000 tennis balls and 35 new tennis rackets for distribution to various McKinney schools.

Mr. Randolph introduced Patricia Jackson, Facilities Construction Manager for the City, who has stepped up to assist in the management of park projects since Steve Brainerd's retirement. Senior Parks Planner Baker proceeded with the Parks Development Report in responding to questions and comments from the Board.

Chairman Ray suggested directional signage with mileage be placed along the trails.

Mr. Randolph stated that the department is in the process of providing signage with mileage along city hike and bike trails.

Recreation Superintendent Mullins stated that the *After School Tutoring* program has started; the McKinney Disc Golf Association put on a tournament August 23<sup>rd</sup> with 66 players participating; and the McKinney Swim School is a spin-off of the Red Cross swim program.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

**13-930** Discuss Proposed Aquatic Center

Mr. Randolph stated that the City Council requested the McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDC) to take on the aquatic center project. The aquatic center is being modeled after the Tom Muehlenbeck Recreation Center in Plano. It has been recommended that the fitness area be larger, more rooms to rent, and increase the number of lanes. The facility will be 9,000 square feet at an estimated

cost of \$33 million. The MCDC Board and Council are to meet to discuss funding strategies. He stated that the city's general fund would not absorb any operations costs after three (3) years. Ms. Jackson stated that there would not be any outdoor lanes. Mr. Randolph stated that there has been no discussion with the McKinney Independent School District to use this facility. Mr. Randolph stated that the aquatic center will not require a taxpayer vote. Ms. Jackson stated that the aquatic center will be constructed in Fiscal Year 2016.

**13-931** Discuss Limiting Neighborhood Park Use During School Hours

Mr. Randolph stated that options are to be provided to the City Council for their consideration regarding limiting the public's use of neighborhood parks adjacent to schools during school hours. He stated that his position has been made very clear to this Board in the past. He does not know when the issue will be presented to Council for their consideration. He stated that this is a tough issue as we are trying to understand the concerns. The City has not received any requests from the Frisco and Prosper school districts on limiting park usage by the public during school hours. Board Member McGuire asked if a distance has been given such as 300 feet. Mr. Randolph stated that we have not received any criteria. Mr. Mullins stated he had spoken with a couple of school principals on this issue some time ago and they stated that one issue is citizens approaching the park with their dog(s) and in close proximity of the children. Board Member Brewer stated that how can the City advertise that McKinney is a great place to be when we restrict people from certain places during certain times. Chairman Ray said Mr. Randolph has a difficult job in trying to respond to the Council on whatever their request is but to include along the lines that there is a concern from this Board regarding our citizens and provide closure and the response is the result of discussions with the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Board's concerns on this issue. Chairman Ray asked the Board be contacted if there will be a need for them to address this issue individually. Board Member Brewer suggested that the schools let the parents know the rules when their child is playing at the park during school hours and let the parent make the decision to allow or not allow their child to play in the park. Mr. Randolph stated that

he will do what he has been asked to do and his report will include pros and cons regarding any potential policy or ordinance Council may.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

#### BOARD OR COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Board Member Warren that for four years, serving on this Board has been one of the highlights of his life; the staff and Board are the best. He stated that this is the best Parks, Recreation and Open Space staff, bar none. The staff is incredible to work with and the nicest people he had met. Thank you, not only to the Board for getting to know them, but the staff. Lemuel is the calmest and most reserved person he has ever met with some of the issues he has had to deal with.

Board Member Bailey said it has been great working with a Parks, Recreation and Open Space staff that knows what they are doing. He said he was very impressed with the development of parks and trails during his terms. He said he will continue to walk the parks and trails. He stated he will be serving on the Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Warren said he will be serving on the McKinney Convention Visitors Board.

Mr. Randolph expressed for the department "thank you" to Messrs. Warren and Bailey for their service on the Board. He said he has been with the department for seven (7) years and in the business 26 years, and he hasn't had a board as supportive as this one has been. It's a credit to citizens like Messrs. Warren and Bailey and the rest of the Board members that understand the works of what we do.

Chairman Ray thanked Messrs. Warren and Bailey for their service. We definitely appreciate your service.

Mr. Randolph announced that the Landscape Architect and Specifier News selected LanArc Design/David Shipp's design of McKinney's Veterans Memorial Park for an upcoming profile of pro-bono projects for publication this fall.

Chairman Ray adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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Chairman