

**CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, March 8, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Administration Office
1611 Stonebridge Drive, McKinney, Texas**

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 on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 4:30 p.m.

Board members present were Michael Arnold, John McCaskill, David Clarke, Leslie Warren, Peter Bailey, Chris McHale and Jay Ray. Staff members in attendance were Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Lemuel Randolph, Parks Development Superintendent Steve Brainerd, Parks Maintenance Superintendent Tim White, Recreation Superintendent Ryan Mullins, Oak Hollow Golf Course Pro Mike Watson and Administrative Assistant Sharon Lewis. Two guests were present—Jeff Mundt, 8908 Talon Court, McKinney, Texas 75070 and Frederick Frazier, 315 Bachman Creek, McKinney, Texas 75070.

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

Chairman Clarke began the agenda with the following action item:

**12-12 – Consider/Discuss/Act on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Advisory Board minutes of January 5, 2012.**

On a motion by Board Member McCaskill, seconded by Board Member Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board meeting of January 5, 2012.

**12-13 -- Consider/Discuss/Act on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Advisory Board Minutes of February 9, 2012.**

On a motion by Board Member McCaskill, seconded by Board Member Bailey, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board meeting of February 9, 2012.

12-14 – Discuss Division Reports.

Parks Development: Mr. Brainerd listed the McKinney Community Development Corporation funded projects that have been completed. He also briefed the Board on the active projects for this fiscal year and upcoming projects for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Mr. Brainerd announced that the next public input meeting for the Sonntag park site will

be March 29th at the Gay Library from 6-8 p.m. He stated that the requests received from the public have been reasonable.

Board Member Bailey stated the Council mentioned a proposed park off of SH 5.

PROS Director Randolph stated the proposed site is north of Oak Hollow Golf Course, east of SH 5, close to Trinity Heights which has approximately 70 homes. The PROS department is to look at possibilities for the area which will have its challenges and will layout before Council our findings. The site is very poor, isolated; crime is high in that area which presents concerns. Inspiration Park is 1.7 miles from this development.

Golf: Golf Pro Mike Watson updated the Board on completed and on-going projects on the course. He stated that revenues are within range. Mr. Watson announced that the Tuesday Night Scramble continues to be popular which goes from March through September. The District High School Golf Tournament will be held at Oak Hollow in April.

Recreation: Recreation Superintendent Mullins announced that The Courts grand opening on February 25th was a big success with an estimate of 350 people attending. He stated that the Trout Derby was also held that morning at Towne Lake which had 4,000 trout stocked for the event with 400 participants. Mr. Mullins announced that Todd Witthorne of the Cooper Institute will speak at the Senior Recreation Center on March 9th at 9:30 a.m. He also announced the upcoming Easter Egg-stravaganza on Saturday, April 7, at the Al Ruschhaupt Soccer Complex. This event brings in 3,500-5,000 participants. The PROS Department fills 33,000 eggs for this event.

Chairman Clarke asked how many memberships has The Courts received.

Mr. Randolph stated that 150 memberships have been purchased at The Courts so far.

Park Maintenance: Tim White announced that the vandalism is down. Athletic field play for little leaguers and adults was discussed. Mr. Mullins will review the situation and be in contact with Board Member Arnold with his findings. Due to the weather the past few years, Mr. White stated that tree replacement has been delayed. The trees at McKissick Park have bubblers so losing a tree isn't a problem.

12-15 – Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation to City Council on the Award of a Construction Contract for the Wilson Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Channel Improvements Project.

Mr. Brainerd stated that SFFC submitted the low bid and is a good contractor but withdrew their bid as they did not include all items in their bid. He said Irricon submitted the second lowest bid and requested the Board's support in awarding a contract with them.

On a motion by Board Member Bailey, seconded by Board Member Warren, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to City Council to award a contract with Irricon of Plano, Texas for the construction of the Wilson Creek Pedestrian Bridge and Channel Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$243,450.

12-16 – Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation to City Council on the Award of a Construction Contract for the Bonnie Wenk Hike and Bike Trail Project.

Mr. Brainerd explained that the Bonnie Wenk Hike and Bike Trail project will be the last major link from Boyd High School to Towne Lake.

On a motion by Board Member McCaskill, seconded by Board Member McHale, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to City Council to award a contract with JDK Associates of Pilot Point, Texas for the construction of the Bonnie Wenk Hike and Bike Trail Project in an amount not to exceed \$542,552.95.

12-17 – Consider/Discuss/Act on the PROS Advisory Board Tour Date.

On a motion by Board Member Ray, seconded by Board Member Warren, the Board unanimously approved April 28th at 8:30 a.m. leaving from the PROS Administration office building for the PROS Advisory Board tour and May 12th as the alternate date in case of inclement weather.

12-18 – Citizen Comments.

Jeff Mundt, 8908 Talon Court, McKinney, Texas 75070 stated he rides the hike and bike trails and thanked the City for the trails. Mr. Mundt stated that the Erwin Park parking lot is full on Saturday mornings. He asked if there were any plans for improvements to the restrooms or park at Erwin.

Mr. Randolph stated that the City has a master plan approved in 2008 for improvements to Erwin Park but it is a multi-million dollar project. The plan will minimize vehicular traffic out of the interior of the park, consolidate camping areas, keep the trail and consolidate the parking. Improvements to the park are not funded. He stated that bonds would need to be sold to provide this funding.

Frederick Frazier, 321 Bachman Creek, McKinney, Texas 75070 stated he wanted to thank the City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department for all they have done throughout the City.

Board Member Ray reported on his Arts Commission appointment to serve on the Public Art Master Plan Request for Proposal Review Committee. Mr. Ray stated that he was in agreement with their proposal.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

DAVID CLARKE
Chairman