

CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, August 12, 2010, 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, August 12, 2010 at 4:31 p.m.

Board members present were: Craig Hagan, Peter Bailey, John McCaskill, David Clarke, Manson (Sonny) Fee and Leslie Warren. Board Member absent was Chris McHale. Staff members present were Parks Maintenance Superintendent Tim White, Recreation Superintendent Charlie Bryant, Parks Development Superintendent Stephen Brainerd, Senior Parks Planner Jenny Baker and Parks Administrative Assistant Charlene Craft. Also attending was Golf Pro Mike Watson representing Oak Hollow Golf Course in Dave Willey's absence.

Chairman Hagan presided.

Chairman Hagan began the agenda with the following Consent Item.

Board Member McCaskill requested a correction to the comment he made at the June 10, 2010 meeting. On page 4 of the June 10, 2010 minutes it is written "Board Member McCaskill stated that it may be a nuisance issue". He asked that the corrected statement be "Board Member McCaskill stated that the apartment complex may be a nuisance issue". This stands corrected.

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

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| Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of June 10, 2010. | 10-36 |
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Chairman Hagan continued the agenda with the Regular Items.

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| Information/Discuss on Division Reports. | 10-37 |
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Division Reports for Recreation, Parks Maintenance, Golf and Parks Development were reviewed by the Board.

Chairman Hagan remarked on the Quarterly Report saying it is amazing to see all the progress that has been done, adding that Parks Development Superintendent Stephen Brainerd and staff have done a great job.

Board Member Bailey inquired as to whether the Board should have a report from the MPAC and Mr. Brainerd responded saying we will wait until the MPAC is settled; we are currently outsourcing and working on issues with the MPAC.

Chairman Hagan asked if everyone was satisfied with the Quarterly Report and the Board members unanimously responded yes.

Recreation Superintendent Bryant announced that summer has been very busy; every week we have had full summer camps. There is now more demographic data in our recreation reports; we want to show that the Parks & Recreation department is important to the city. Chairman Hagan inquired about having Art shows at the Community Center, as he has seen these in the past, and he would like to see that happen again. Mr. Bryant responded that he will look into doing that sort of thing in the future at the Community Center. Mr. Bryant responded to questions from the Board.

Parks Maintenance Superintendent White announced that his crews have continued to hand water all the newly planted trees on Lake Forest medians. So far we have only lost 15 out of 229 trees. Board Member Bailey remarked that 15 out of 229 trees is a good number; not much loss. Board Member McCaskill inquired as to the species of trees on Lake Forest. Mr. White responded that they are Live Oak and Crape Myrtle trees. Board Member McCaskill brought up the concern about Oak Wilt blight and disease killing the trees. Mr. White said he would send out some helpful and informative information concerning tree diseases to the Board Members. Mr. White responded to questions from the Board.

Golf Pro Watson reported that although it has been very hot, revenue is good. Golfers show up early in the morning and then attendance trickles down around noon due to the heat. Water is a challenge but we keep it as green as possible. We need to find more water or find a solution to stockpile more water. Mr. Watson stated that the indoor range has been used a lot and is very popular. Mr. Watson responded to questions from the Board.

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd responded to a question from Board Member Clarke regarding the issue of installing a fence adjacent to Carey Cox Park saying that a fence will be installed but it hasn't been completely resolved. Mr. Brainerd stated that we need firm direction from Council at this point. Right now we are in a good position with the project and can do this administratively without having to

put this issue to a public vote. Sr. Staff is resigned to putting in this fence and the big picture is being looked at; we are here to serve.

Mr. Brainerd announced that we are having some issues with the Tennis Complex design which is coming in at 4.9 million; this is higher than our budget of 3.2 million. We have had many meetings regarding this problem; it is unacceptable. We may have to terminate the designer, which is very unusual to have to do this. If we have to terminate them, it shouldn't delay the project as we are early in the design process. The layout shouldn't change but the building will be a 1 story building, not 2 stories. September 2011 is our estimated completion date.

Mr. Brainerd stated that the Veteran's Memorial is going very well; it should be completed by Veteran's Day weekend 2011.

Board Member Fee brought up some concerns about Finch Park and the planned increased parking being a problem. Mr. Brainerd responded saying while we are increasing the parking it shouldn't impact the people who live around the park. Mr. Brainerd responded to questions from the Board.

Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation on a proposed contract with LanArc Design for the design of a hike and bike trail north of Wilson Creek at the base of the closed landfill.

10-38

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd stated that we want to jump in and get this done; we are very excited to get this started. Jill Yount is working on getting permission to build under the DART rail. We need 5 bridges to get this hike and bike trail finished. We are currently working with Engineering and 2 other agencies; there are a lot of details involved with this project.

Staff requests the support of the Board to forward a contract recommendation to City Council to allow the Interim City Manager to negotiate a contract with LanArc Design, Inc. for the design and engineering services associated with the placement of a hike and bike trail along Wilson Creek at the closed landfill in an amount not to exceed \$124,800.

On a motion by Board Member Bailey, seconded by Board Member Warren, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation that City Council allow the Interim City Manager to negotiate a contract with LanArc Design, Inc. for the design and engineering services associated with the placement of a hike and bike trail along Wilson Creek at the closed landfill in an amount not to exceed \$124,800.

Consider/Discuss/Act on a proposed contract with LanArc Design for the design of a hike and bike trail extending from north of Virginia Parkway to north of the Al Ruschhaupt Soccer Complex.

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Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd announced that regarding the hike and bike trail construction, we don't need the Ragsdale property after all. All along we had the right to use the Troiani Family tract right of way but just recently discovered this fact. Mr. Brainerd also mentioned that this trail will eventually extend all the way to Lake Lavon.

Staff requests the support of the Board to forward a contract recommendation to City Council to allow the Interim City Manager to negotiate a contract with LanArc Design, Inc. for design and engineering services associated with the placement of a hike and bike trail along Wilson Creek from north of Virginia Parkway to Northbrook Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$74,900.

On a motion by Board Member McCaskill, seconded by Board Member Clarke, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation that City Council allow the Interim City Manager to negotiate a contract with LanArc Design, Inc. for the design and engineering services associated with the placement of a hike and bike trail along Wilson Creek from north of Virginia Parkway to Northbrook Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$74,900.

Information/Discuss Median Landscaping – to P&Z on 9/28/10.

10-40

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd stated that we are working on planting more than just Crape Myrtles; we need more variety. The new direction is to accent with Crape Myrtles and not plant what approaches a monoculture of Crape Myrtles. We will present to Council with our new directional plan.

Information/Discuss Hike/Bike Trail Master Plan – to P&Z on 9/28/10.

10-41

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd stated that as an FYI, effort is moving forward through the Planning Department.

Information/Discuss Natatorium – to Capital Assets Committee on 9/1/10.

10-42

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd stated that we now have 29 million dollars for the Natatorium instead of the original 44 million we had when MISD was involved. We are looking for a location; possibly Hardin/White or Eldorado/Alma. We

will go to Council on September 7 with our two options. The advantage of using Eldorado/Alma is that we would possibly show a profit in 3 years with the smaller pool planned for this location. This location at Gabe Nesbitt has been a programmed location for a natatorium for the past ten years.

Information/Discuss Heard Wildlife Sanctuary Update.

10-43

This item was discussed in a closed session. No notes taken.

Citizen Comments.

10-44

There were no citizen comments.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

CRAIG HAGAN, CHAIRMAN
MANSON (SONNY) FEE , VICE CHAIR