

CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, November 12, 2009
4:30 p.m. – Council Chamber – City Hall

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board of the City of McKinney, Texas, met in regular session at the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 4:33 p.m.

Board members present were: Craig Hagan, Manson (Sonny) Fee, Leslie Warren, John McCaskill and Amanda Kascak. Board Members absent were David Clarke and Al Alford. Staff members present were Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Lemuel Randolph, Parks Maintenance Superintendent Tim White, Recreation Superintendent Charlie Bryant, Parks Development Superintendent Stephen Brainerd, Senior Parks Planner Jenny Baker and Administrative Assistant Charlene Craft. Also attending was Golf Pro Mike Watson.

Chairman Hagan presided.

Chairman Hagan began the agenda with the following Consent Item.

Election of Officers.

09-71

On a motion by Board Member Warren, seconded by Board Member McCaskill, the Board unanimously approved to Table Agenda Item 09-71 to the December 10th Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting.

On a motion by Board Member Fee, seconded by Board Member Kascak, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Item.

Minutes of the Regular Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of October 8, 2009.

09-72

Chairman Hagan continued the agenda with the Regular Items.

Information/Discuss on Division Reports.

09-73

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

Parks Maintenance Superintendent White stated that the maintenance crews have been very busy painting pavilions and the one they are currently painting is located at Winniford Park. He said that Bonnie Wenk Park has been a hectic task as the crews have to push back growth and perform a lot of tree trimming. This area is a floodplain so it catches a lot of debris. It has been very wet due to the rain so they haven't been able to trim the trees very much. He added that the pond is very full of

water at this time. Parks Maintenance Superintendent White responded to questions from the Board.

Golf Pro Mike Watson stated that this October wasn't the worst October in history but it was tough due to the heavy rains. Mr. Watson stated that Oak Hollow is a fast draining course and with tremendous grass growth due to the compost program and seeding. He said that the new scorecards are done, creek work looks sharp, the practice greens and bunker are finished which has added more practice area. Mr. Watson responded to questions from the Board.

Recreation Superintendent Bryant stated that he is proud to announce the new trolley is here. It looks just like the old trolley except this one has air brakes and air suspension that provides a much nicer ride, especially for our senior citizens. He said next year we are looking at having our own city tour of Christmas lights as this has been a big success for our trolley rentals this year. Mr. Bryant stated that there are plans for Dallas Shakespeare to do "Shakespeare in the Park" using our PROS Mobile Stage. There will be a 90 minute show with six actors and they will move around to different parks within the city. Mr. Bryant then announced that our next Parks, Recreation & Open Space Spring Guide will have a "twist" to it; on the front side will be our Parks, Recreation and Open Space picture and information and the opposite side will showcase the McKinney Performing Arts Center and their programs. Mr. Bryant also stated that our city kickball league was a big success and we also want to bring back "Ultimate Frisbee". Recreation Superintendent Bryant responded to questions from the Board.

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd stated that Mr. Randolph will bring the recommended design contract for Bonnie Wenk Park to the next Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board meeting in December. Regarding land acquisition, Mr. Brainerd said that we have three significant pieces of land along the Wilson Creek corridor that will showcase our hike and bike trails. These new land acquisitions bring us closer to our goal of 25 acres of parks per thousand people in McKinney. He stated that people move to McKinney because of the softer and more natural landscape of the area. We are trying to preserve that natural state and the floodplains are a part of that look. Although we do want some land outside of the floodplain for the park, the floodplain is key to where we want to go.

Regarding central controlled irrigation, Mr. Brainerd explained that this is controlled in an office by computer. Master valves have to be put in place; we need a firm to study McKinney, look at systems that our crews can maintain and then go from there. Two million dollars will get us far but not all the way. We think this is the only way to go; also, we have to train people and get them excited about it. We are within 4 to 6 weeks of issuing an RFQ for this study. Mr. Brainerd responded to questions from the Board.

Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution to Execute a Contract for the Design of a Tournament Pavilion at the McKinney Soccer Complex at Craig Ranch.

09-74

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd stated that Mr. Randolph and Mr. Bryant have been in discussions regarding this Tournament Pavilion. It has been well received and it is desirable to have this shelter.

On a motion by Board Member McCaskill, seconded by Board Member Warren, the Board unanimously approved the resolution to execute a contract for the Design of a Tournament Pavilion at Craig Ranch.

Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution to Execute a Contract for the Design of a Recreation/Aquatic Center.

09-75

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director Randolph stated that the McKinney Independent School District school board has delayed its decision regarding the Aquatics Center; it may be called in May but because of this delay we don't have a definitive decision. The school district is not at a point to commit to our level of funding. We recommend that the design contract be awarded to Brinkley Sargent to avoid any other delays. The cap for this design contract would be \$3.75 million; this covers all design inside and outside. Brinkley Sargent has designed many aquatic centers.

On a motion by Board Member Fee, seconded by Board Member Warren, the Board unanimously approved the resolution to execute a contract with Brinkley Sargent Architects of Dallas for the design of a Recreation/Aquatic Center in an amount not to exceed \$3.75 million.

Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution to Submit a Nomination for a Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Reimbursement for the Construction of a Hike and Bike Trail.

09-76

Parks Development Superintendent Brainerd stated that this would be a hike and bike trail 10 feet wide to connect Malvern Elementary and existing hike and bike trails at

Towne Lake Park and the Community Center. TXDOT will cover \$120,000 of this bike trail and the City of McKinney will cover \$130,000. This area will stay in its natural state and be an enhancement to the existing hike and bike trail. We want to leave nature to itself. The proposed hike and bike trail crosses an area north of Comegy's Creek to the McKinney Community Center which has been cleared of understory brush allowing room between the trees and grass to establish on the ground. It is maintained by Mr. White's maintenance crews. It is a "gateway" to the City that the City Council directed to be maintained in this manner.

On a motion by Board Member McCaskill, seconded by Board Member Warren, the Board unanimously approved the resolution to submit a Nomination for a Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Reimbursement for the Construction of a Hike and Bike Trail in an amount of \$120,000.

Citizen Comments.

09-77

There were no citizen comments.

Mr. Randolph gave thanks to Board Member Amanda Kascsak for her service. She is resigning due to her husband's job relocation to Georgia. The Board agreed that it was a pleasure serving with Mrs. Kascsak.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

CRAIG HAGAN, CHAIRMAN
AMANDA KASCSAK, VICE CHAIR