

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTIES OF POTTER :
AND RANDALL :

On this the 12th day of April 2011, the Parks and Recreation Commission of Amarillo, Texas convened at 1:30 PM in regular session in Room 306, City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

ATTENDANCE					
	PRESENT TODAY	NO. REGULAR MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. REGULAR MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT	SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD	SPECIAL MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Daniel Martinez	Yes	57	53	0	0
Mr. Hal Leedy	Yes	37	25	0	0
Mr. Cameron Monroe	No	27	20	0	0
Mr. Clint Norton	Yes	18	15	0	0
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	37	35	0	0
Ms. Jackie Payne	No	37	30	0	0
Mr. Brian Scott	No	55	45	0	0

and the following staff members:

Mr. Larry Offerdahl	Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Rod Tweet	Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Clint Stoddard	Park Superintendent
Ms. Sherylene Morris	Recording Secretary

There being a quorum established, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Mr. Brian Scott, and the following business was conducted.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2011 MEETING

Ms. Joyce Cunningham made a MOTION to approve the February 8th minutes as amended. Mr. Hal Leedy seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 4-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Larry stated that zoo revenues for the FY 10-11 total \$67,132.29 as compared to \$45,750.43 for FY 09-10. Revenues for the rest of the FY 10-11 are expected to surpass \$210,000.

The Amarillo City Commission awarded a construction contract to American Electric to construct the LED lighting of the Rick Klein Sports Complex parking lot, entrance drive, and complex walkway for a total of \$153,290. This project is funded by Federal ARRA Grant funds. Estimated completion of this project is May 15, 2011.

A new sensory playground for children with various special need's, is in the planning phase to be installed at one of our parks. A public/private partnership with the City of Amarillo and the Amarillo Area Foundation will seek private funds to help fund this project. Estimated cost for this playground is approximately \$175,000.

Golf revenues for Comanche for the FY 10-11 are \$197,209.36 as compared to FY 09-10 at \$189,749.28. A 25% revenue increase over last year's is expected at Comanche and a 20% decrease at Ross Rogers due to the renovation of the Old Course.

The Tennis Center will see an increase in attendance due to a USTA \$100,000 total grant that will fund new youth tennis programs in Amarillo.

Clint stated that Park crews have planted a total of 333 new or replacement trees. Park crews are continuing to work on the fabrication of park rule signs for City View and Hillside Parks and also completed the fabrication of the Park sign at JSM for McDonald Lake which in currently being set at the park.

Zoo staff continues to stay busy with the grand opening of the Tiger and Leopard Exhibit and also with their appearances on Channel 7. Attendance continues to grow each month at the zoo with spring break bringing in almost a total of 12,000 visitors that week which doubled from the total amount of visitors last year on spring break. Zoo revenues continue to grow with the beginning of the fiscal year with Boo at the Zoo. The next big revenue event is Easter Eggs-citement which is held on the Saturday before Easter.

ITEM 3. REVIEW FINAL PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE MEMORIAL PARK SPLASHPAD PROJECT

The Amarillo City Commission approved a contract to install a SplashPad at Memorial Park to replace the old wading pool. Kraftsman will be the General Contractor to install this SplashPad for a total of \$249,326.18.

ITEM 4. REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE HAMLET PARK 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Larry stated that two (2) Community Development grant applications will be submitted by Parks Administration for a proposed plan for the following park improvements at Hamlet Park: water splash playground (with or without a circulation system) and a new lighted walkway. Total estimated cost for this project is \$240,000 without a circulation system or \$340,000 with a circulation system. The second application will request funding for walkway lighting, two (2) baseball backstops, and two (2) drinking fountains for a total cost of \$84,300.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Joyce Cunningham to support this approval to install a water splash playground, a new lighted walkway around the park, and install other park amenities in order to bring back visitors to the park. Mr. Clint Norton seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 4-0.

ITEM 5 REPORT ON THE ROSS ROGERS "OLD COURSE" CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Larry stated that Landscapes Unlimited was awarded the construction contract for the renovation of the "Old Course" at Ross Rogers Golf Complex for a total contract price of \$3,282,793.25. Scheduled completion date is August 1, 2011.

ITEM 6. UPDATE ON THE ZOO EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT

Larry updated the Park Commissioners on the current status of the Zoo Education Center Project. He stated that the project Architects, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini are currently revising the construction plans and specifications in order to lower the cost estimate from \$700,000 to approximately \$617,000 or lower.

ITEM 7. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS

Daniel Martinez and Clint Norton voiced their opinions on banning alcohol in the parks.

Joyce Cunningham was concerned about the need for more police at Ellwood Park.

Rod announced that on Sunday, June 26th, an army band will be holding a concert at the stage at Ellwood Park. Rod is trying to initiate a regular concert series at the stage in Ellwood Park on a monthly basis for the spring and summer months.

Hal Leedy asked about what has happened with the construction of an Aquatics Center.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.

Larry Offerdahl,
Director of Parks and Recreation