STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTIES OF POTTER :

AND RANDALL :

On this the 9th day of August 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	60	55	0	0
Mr. Hal Leedy	Yes	40	27	0	0
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	30	23	0	0
Mr. Clint Norton	Yes	21	18	0	0
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	40	38	0	0
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	40	32	0	0
Mr. Brian Scott	No	58	47	0	0

and the following staff members:

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

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

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 12, 2011 MEETING

Ms. Jackie Payne made a MOTION to approve the July 12th minutes as amended. Mr. Cameron Monroe seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 6-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Larry stated that Parks Administration will present the FY 11-12 budget to the City Manager and City Commission on Wednesday, August 10, 2011. This budget review will include capital improvements as well as departmental budgets. Larry also stated that the City Manager was leaning towards building multi-use athletic fields at Rick Klein Sports Complex instead of building more Fastpitch fields that were requested by the High Plains Fastpitch Association. The City Manager has cause for concern about the limited parking at John Stiff Park for the soccer games. Ms. Payne stated that she also has a concern about the parking at John Stiff Park and agrees that more soccer fields and parking lots should be built at Rick Klein Sports Complex.

Zoo-la-Palooza Event will be held on Friday, August 19, 2011 at the Amarillo Zoo starting at 7:00 PM. Tickets for the event are $75 per person or $125 per couple.

Larry stated that the City Commission awarded the bid for the playground equipment at Hamlet Park on Tuesday, August 9, 2011. This is a CDBG project that will be completed by October 14, 2011.

Golf revenues for the month of July at Comanche Trail are up $93,314.58 compared to last year's revenue in July at $63,660.73. Ross Rogers's revenue for the month of July is up slightly $113,504.30 compared to last year's revenue in July at $111,720.13.

Tennis Center's revenue for the month of July is down at $715.57 compared to last year in July at $1,057.09.

Larry stated that the Parks are currently on water restrictions per City Management requests in watering the parks.

Zoo revenue for the month of July was $26,326.40. Total revenue to date is $182,352.11 compared to last year's year to date at $156,378.91.

ITEM 3. UPDATE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ZOO EDUCATION CENTER

The Zoo Education Center Capital Improvement funding request was presented to the City Manager on July 20, 2011. The current construction cost estimate including the design fees are $589,463. Funding for this project will include the following sources: TP&W - $86,439, Excel Energy grants - $26,000 total, Amarillo Zoological Society - $30,000, private donations – $102,024 total, private donation naming rights - $50,000, Zoo admission revenues - $270,000, and Zoo CIP funds - $25.000.

Architects, Dekker Perich Sabatini are currently completing the plans and specifications for this project. Bids should open in late October 2011 and award a construction contract by early November 2011. Estimated opening date is scheduled for May 2012.

ITEM 4. REPORT ON THE ROSS ROGERS OLD COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT

The general contractor for the Ross Rogers Old Course is Landscapes Unlimited. Completion dates have been delayed due to current drought conditions and water restrictions. The grass grow-in phase is estimated to begin in early September.

ITEM 5 DISCUSS DATE FOR ANNUAL PARK COMMISSION TOUR

Park Tour is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 9:00 AM after the Park Commission meeting at 8:30 AM. Tour will consist of touring any finished projects and parks that suffered drought devastation this past year and ending up at Ross Rogers to tour the newly renovated Old Course. Lunch will be held at the Ross Rogers Golf Complex deli at noon.

ITEM 6. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS

Cameron Monroe suggested Parks & Recreation representatives do a public service on public TV to inform public about Park services and programs. Example: watering the parks during water conservation periods.

Clint Norton informed the Park Commission about setting up a Green Select Day for Thompson Park and wants to raise around $75,000 for this project.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Jackie Payne made at MOTION to adjourn the meeting. MS. Joyce Cunningham seconded the MOTION. Meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM.

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Larry Offerdahl,
Director of Parks and Recreation