

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTIES OF POTTER :
AND RANDALL :

On this the 8th day of May 2012, 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. Hal Leedy	Yes	48	32	0	0
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	38	29	0	0
Mr. Clint Norton	Yes	29	24	0	0
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	48	46	0	0
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	48	37	0	0
Mr. Mike Rivera	No	7	6	0	0
Ms. Renee McCown	Yes	7	5	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 Co-Chairman, Mr. Clint Norton, and the following business was conducted.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 10, 2012 MEETING

Ms. Joyce Cunningham made a MOTION to approve the April 10, 2012 minutes as amended. Mr. Mike Rivera seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 5-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Larry stated that the construction has started at the Zoo Education Center. The concrete piers and footings have been installed and the plumbing, electrical, water, gas and sewer services will be scheduled for the next week. A concrete slab will be poured on May 17th. \$10,000 in grant funds were received recently for the Zoo Education Center which brings a total of \$335,000 in grant funds and donations.

Adopt-a-Park Program was started two (2) years ago with Stephen F. Austin Park being the first one. The Thompson Adopt-a-Park project is designed to help individuals who need to do community service. This new volunteer project will begin in mid June.

A graffiti ordinance has been passed in order to start cleaning up private property throughout the city. The property owner will be notified by the Building Safety Department and the owner has five (5) days to respond to the city if they want the city to clean it up at no charge. Otherwise, it is the property owner's responsibility to remove the graffiti at their own expense within fifteen (15) days. A graffiti day is scheduled for May 19th with over forty (40) sites that have graffiti to be removed by volunteers.

Larry stated that he scheduled a meeting with Tennis Center officials about the problems they are having with the courts at the Amarillo Tennis Center.

The Aquatics staff is still looking to hire more lifeguards for the 2012 summer season at the city pools.

Park Maintenance crews have planted a total of 541 trees in our park system to date since October 2011.

Special events held at the zoo were Easter EGG-citement with revenue of \$8,500, Conservation Celebration with revenue of \$1,400, and Night Hike at the Zoo with revenue of \$2,000.

Zoo revenue for the month of April 2012 was \$32,688.94. Total year to date was \$106,829.87 as compared to last year's to date at \$97,603.43.

ITEM 3. REPORT ON THE REGENERATION 2012 PROJECT

Larry thanked Park Commissioner Clint Norton, who worked diligently with our Parks Administration staff in organizing the Regeneration 2012 Project. This project included a major volunteer tree planting and park improvement event at Thompson Park. Amarillo National Bank was the title sponsor by donating \$25,000. Xcel Energy also donated \$23,000. Other project sponsors were: Cielo Wind Power, Pantex, A & W Services, Carpet Tech and Carpet World. 250 trees were purchased from the donations from these sponsors and were planted by the volunteers. A total of 570 volunteers were registered to help with this event.

ITEM 4. UPDATE ON THE OLD COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT & ON AMENDED DAILY WEEK DAY GOLF FEES

Larry stated that the 2011 drought was a factor in the completion of the Ross Rogers Old Course Renovation. A certain amount of retainage is being withheld in order for the contractor to make the necessary repairs and adjustments before this project can be accepted.

Larry stated that Golf Professionals, George Priolo, Sherwin Cox and himself visited with Assistant City Manager, Dean Frigo on finding ways to encourage increased golf play during the week days (Monday – Thursday). Special promotions and discounts were recommended to encourage golf play during week days. Other golf fee adjustments were discussed in order to be competitive with other surrounding area golf courses.

Revenue for Ross Rogers during the month of April was \$104,397.48 as compared to last year's revenues in April at \$77,301.03.

Revenue for Comanche Trail during the month of April was \$68,241.89 as compared to last year's revenues in April at \$63,489.50.

ITEM 5. DISCUSS PROPOSED PUBLIC INPUT MEETING DATES FOR THE UPDATE OF THE 2008 PARK MASTER PLAN

Four (4) public input meetings have been scheduled at various locations in Amarillo in order to receive citizen input concerning their ideas on new programs, capital improvements and improvements to existing parks and athletic areas that will help to update the 2008 Park Master Plan. The meetings are to be scheduled for:

Monday, May 21, 2012	North Branch Library
Thursday, May 24, 2012	Southwest Branch Library
Tuesday, May 29, 2012	Woodlands Elementary School
Tuesday, June 5, 2012	East Branch Library

ITEM 6. INTRODUCTION OF KIM KILLIAN, ATHLETIC SUPERVISOR FOR AMARILLO PARKS & RECREATION

Kim Killian was introduced as the new Athletic Supervisor for the Parks & Recreation Athletic Department. He was previously employed by Kids Inc as Director of Programs for the past fourteen (14) years.

ITEM 7. UPDATE ON THE HAMLET PARK LIGHTING & SPLASHPAD PROJECTS

The Hamlet Park Project is a CDBG funded project that consists of installation of a playground, splashpad and trail security lighting. This project is scheduled for completion by May 25, 2012. A special ribbon cutting is scheduled after the completion of the splashpad project on June 1, 2012 after school is out for the summer.

ITEM 8. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS

Clint Norton read the announcement that Sundae in the Park Senior Social is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 in Ellwood Park from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Music is provided by Cowboy Poets with booths on senior citizen fitness and safety. This event is to encourage and promote the Senior Park for the senior citizens in this area.

Joyce Cunningham asked about the police protection in Ellwood Park.

There being no further discussion, MOTION was made by Ms. Jackie Payne to adjourn the meeting. MOTION was seconded by Mr. Mike Rivera. Meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Larry Offerdahl,
Director of Parks and Recreation