

STATE OF TEXAS :  
COUNTIES OF POTTER :  
AND RANDALL :

On this the 12th day of June 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:

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**ATTENDANCE**

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	PRESENT TODAY	NO. REGULAR MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. REGULAR MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT	SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD	SPECIAL MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Hal Leedy	No	49	32	0	0
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	39	30	0	0
Mr. Clint Norton	No	30	24	0	0
Ms. Joyce Cunningham	Yes	49	47	0	0
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	49	38	0	0
Mr. Mike Rivera	Yes	8	7	0	0
Ms. Renee McCown	Yes	8	6	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 Chairman, Mr. Cameron Monroe, and the following business was conducted.

**ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 8, 2012 MEETING**

Ms. Jackie Payne made a MOTION to approve the May 8, 2012 minutes as amended. Ms. Joyce Cunningham seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 5-0.

**ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS**

Larry stated that the construction on the Zoo Education Center is on schedule. Larry also stated that a special event titled Asian Pacific Festival was held on May 19, 2012 which brought in a total revenue of \$7,387.00. Two (2) other special events will be held at the zoo in the month of June titled If I Drew the Zoo and Red, White and Zoo.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held at John Stiff Memorial Park. A new children's bike parade will be held at this year's celebration.

Larry stated that on Friday, June 1, 2012 was the grand opening event at Hamlet Park. Over 100 children assisted in a special ribbon cutting for the Splashpad.

Larry also announced that he would be retiring at the end of June.

Rod reported that Volleyball is up in participation for the 2012 Summer League. Athletics continues to work with West Texas Youth Baseball with tournaments scheduled at the Rick Klein Complex. Amarillo Soccer Association's Skip Ferrell Soccer Tournament is scheduled for June 23 at JSM Park.

Parks Administration received a letter from the Amarillo Area Tennis Association on a partnership agreement. A request to power wash the indoor courts at the Amarillo National Tennis Center has been completed as well as replacing some concrete in the front area of the tennis center. Parks is in the process of formally bidding the resurfacing of the three indoor courts as well as adding lights and completely inclosing the indoor courts. The attendance for the Memorial Day Tennis Tournament was one of the largest they have had in the past with approximately 300 participants.

Clint stated that Park crews have planted over 541 new replacement trees and have removed approximately 224 trees as of October 2011. Approximately 300 trees are needed to be planted in our park system as well as 250 trees to be planted at Ross Rogers Golf Complex.

Zoo revenue for the month of May was \$41,405.92. Year to date total is \$148,235.79 as compared to last year's year to date at \$128,664.53.

Cameron voiced his concerns about some of the trees that were planted at Thompson Park did not make it and about the grass that was lost due to dry conditions. Clint stated that the trees lost in Thompson Park would be replaced by next spring and the reseeding of the grass has already started in various parks and public buildings.

### **ITEM 3. REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2012 PARK MASTER PLAN**

Larry reviewed the highlights of the proposed 2012 Park Master Plan with a PowerPoint Presentation.

The purpose of updating the Park Master Plan is to continue the growth and development of the Amarillo Parks System by adopting a long range plan that accurately reflects citizen priorities for their park system. The proposed 2012 Park Master Plan reflects changes in the City of Amarillo demographics such as changes in population, school enrollments in the AISD and CISD districts, park objectives, updates to the growth of the park system, revisions to facility development standards, and a review of the City of Amarillo Comprehensive Plan Chapter Four and Five. Other updates include the five (5) year capital improvement schedule.

Larry requested that the Park Commissioners recommend and approve the updated 2012 Park Master Plan with adding the citizen survey comments and the table of contents. Ms. Jackie Payne made a MOTION to recommend and approve the 2012 Park Master Plan with additions as presented. Mr. Mike Rivera seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 5-0.

### **ITEM 4. REVIEW OF PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR THE RICK KLEIN SPORTS COMPLEX**

Larry reviewed the first draft of the Master Plan for the Phase II of the Rick Klein Sports Complex. He stated that the location of the Aquatics Center will be located at this complex. There will be at least three (3) entrances into the complex, add four (4) more baseball fields, lighted parking areas, picnic areas, football fields and soccer fields. There will be more added facilities in future phases with this complex. Larry asked the Park Commissioners for their input or suggestions as to what other added facilities could be added to this complex.

### **ITEM 5. REPORT ON THE ZOO EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT**

Larry stated that the construction on the Zoo Education Center Project is going according to schedule with the approximate completion date by mid September 2012. Grants and private donations total approximately \$336,000. Zoo admission fees for this project totaled \$270,000 with the total cost of the project being \$598,439.

### **ITEM 6. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS**

David Martel from the Amarillo Area Tennis Association commented on the courts at the facility being cleaned. He also recommended the need for the changes in the partnership agreement. He also commended the Parks Department for hiring Les Byrum and Peggy Harris and that their work is greatly appreciated.

Ona Lee Johnson from the Amarillo Area Tennis Association also commended hiring Peggy and Les and appreciated the cleaning of the indoor courts. She also stated that the Tennis Association had funds that needed to be used by the end of the year for lining 10 and under courts and suggested it be spent at the Amarillo National Tennis Center as well as other courts in Amarillo.

Jackie commented that the 10 and under program is growing rapidly throughout the nation.

Cameron Monroe thanked Larry for all of his contributions and dedication to the Parks & Recreation Department and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Jackie Payne and Mike Rivera also thanked Larry for his contributions, dedication and leadership to the Parks Department.

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 3:13 PM.

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Rod Tweet,  
Interim Director of Parks and Recreation