

STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTIES OF POTTER :

AND RANDALL :

On this the 10th day of September 2013, the Parks and Recreation Commission of Amarillo, Texas convened at 8:30 AM 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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	<b>PRESENT TODAY</b>	<b>NO. REGULAR MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>NO. REGULAR MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>TERM STARTED</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	52	41	08/12/08	07/01/14
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	62	50	07/24/07	07/01/15
Mr. Mike Rivera	Yes	21	14	09/13/11	07/01/14
Ms. Renee McCown	Yes	21	15	09/13/11	07/01/14
Mr. David Hudson	No	8	7	01/02/13	07/01/16
Mr. Rob Chafin	Yes	8	6	01/02/13	07/01/15

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and the following staff members:

Mr. Rod Tweet	Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Clint Stoddard	Park Superintendent
Ms. Pam Cognasi	Recreation Supervisor
Ms. Sherylene Morris	Recording Secretary

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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 AUGUST 13, 2013 MEETING**

Mr. Mike Rivera made a MOTION to approve the August 13, 2013 minutes as amended. Ms. Jackie Payne seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 5-0.

**ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS**

Rod Tweet stated that the annual Mayor's Half Marathon will be held on September 21, 2013 at Medical Center Park with Xcel Energy being the title sponsor. The event will start at 8:00 AM between the Amarillo Botanical Gardens and Discovery Center on Streit Drive. This event offers race opportunities in the two mile, five mile and of course the half marathon (13.1 miles).

The City Commission unanimously passed a resolution calling for bond election for Park Improvements referred to as the Amarillo Recreation Complex (ARC). This special municipal election will be held on November 5, 2013. Bond sales, not to exceed 31.5M will be used to construct the proposed improvements at the Athletic Complex.

Three candidates were selected and have been interviewed for the Athletic Supervisor position vacancy to replace Kim Killian. A final decision and an offer to the top candidate will be extended shortly.

Golf rounds for both courses for the fiscal year will total approximately 98,000 compared to what was anticipated at 100,000 rounds.

Cameron Monroe asked Mike Rivera and Renee McCown if they had any questions pertaining to the ARC project since they were not present at the last Park Commission meeting when the ARC representatives were presenting their proposal. Mike Rivera stated that he felt that he did not have enough information. His question was, "How will it support itself, will we support it ourselves or will there be memberships?" Cameron explained that the ARC will help raise funds up to \$6,000,000 and will work together with the city in order to make this a reality. If the bond passes this will help to speed up the implementation of the Master Plan and allow this project to become a reality a lot sooner than if we waited on capital funds from the city on a yearly basis.

Pam Cognasi stated that there were problems with the new windscreens at the Amarillo National Tennis Center but the problems were taken care of. Staff will be working with Park Maintenance staff in order to clean the indoor courts. Pam also mentioned the photo gallery that is a new feature on the website that has photos from all of the 2013 events displayed.

Renee McCown asked if there could be signage displayed at the Skate Park on language and a dress code. Rod Tweet stated that this concern would definitely be addressed and future discussion related to its operation may need to be discussed at a later time.

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC FORUM**

No comments from the public.

**ITEM 6. ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 8, 2013

**ITEM 7. ADJOURN**

Mr. Cameron Monroe adjourned the meeting at 8:54 AM for the Park Tour.

**ITEM 8. PARK COMMISSION TOUR**

The Park Tour began at 9:00 AM with a charter bus transporting Park Commissioners, Assistant City Manager Michelle Bonner, Community Relations Coordinator Sonja Gross and Park Staff to various park locations throughout the city. These locations included Ellwood Park, Belmar Park, Westover Village Park, City View Park, Southeast Park, Amarillo Recreation Complex (Rick Klein) and Eastridge Park. The tour ended at the Amarillo Zoo for a lunch provided by Joe Daddy's at the Bill & Alice O'Brien Education Center located at the zoo. The tour bus returned to City Hall around 1:00 PM.

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Rod Tweet,  
Director of Parks and Recreation