

STATE OF TEXAS :
 COUNTIES OF POTTER :
 AND RANDALL :

On this the 8th day of October 2013, 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	TERM STARTED	TERM EXPIRES
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	53	42	08/12/08	07/01/14
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	63	51	07/24/07	07/01/15
Mr. Mike Rivera	Yes	22	15	09/13/11	07/01/14
Ms. Renee McCown	Yes	22	16	09/13/11	07/01/14
Mr. David Hudson	Yes	9	8	01/02/13	07/01/16
Mr. Rob Chafin	Yes	9	7	01/02/13	07/01/15

and the following staff members:

Mr. Rod Tweet	Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Kevin Wilde	Assistant Park Superintendent
Ms. Pam Cognasi	Recreation Supervisor
Mr. Bryan Shelhamer	Park Development Manager
Ms. Rene'e Stovall	Administrative Assistant V
Ms. Wendy Baca	Recreation Coordinator/Specialist
Ms. Rachel Cunningham	Marketing Coordinator
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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 MEETING

Ms. Jackie Payne made a MOTION to approve the September 10, 2013 minutes as amended. Mr. Mike Rivera seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 6-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Rod Tweet stated that the Mayor's Half Marathon was successful this year with a total of 199 participants. This year the race started one hour early from the year before and there were no day of race registrations. Mayor Pro-Tem Brian Eades participated by starting the race and then remained to present each award to the race winners. Xcel Energy was the title sponsor, United Supermarkets provided the fruit and Amarillo West Rotary Club provided 22 volunteers to help with the race.

Rod also stated that the Athletic Supervisor's position has been filled. Andy Tarkington will start on October 10th and has 24 years of experience with municipal parks and recreation in the Metroplex as a Recreation Manager, Sports Manager, and a Director in two smaller communities in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Total rounds of golf for the year were 97,153 which were short of the 100,000 goal set for the year.

Cameron Monroe announced that there will be a Commission member change with Joyce Cunningham's term ending. The City Commission selected Terry Easterling to serve on the Park Commission Board. He is currently Director of Community Supervision and Corrections in the Department of Potter, Randall and Armstrong Counties.

Kevin Wilde, Assistant Park Superintendent, stated that as of this date for the FY2012-13, a total of 507 trees have been removed. The projects that have been completed in the parks include playground installations, installing wood fibers in the school playgrounds, electrical repairs at the Amarillo National Tennis Center. Park staff over-seeded the rye grass on the athletic fields at

Southeast and Martin Road Parks and continued to lay sod around the horseshoe courts at Southeast Park. There were approximately 647 visitors at the Amarillo Zoo for the Lion's birthday party held on September 28th. Total zoo revenue for the month of September was \$17,105.70. Year to date totals were \$274,994.19 compared to last year's year to date totals at \$246,829.55.

Pam Cognasi, Recreation Supervisor, reported that the aquatic attendance at the pools this summer was approximately 54,000. Numbers were down this year due to cooler weather; however the concession sales were up at over \$41,000. Attendance at the Amarillo National Tennis Center was down this year at 28,500 compared to last year at 33,000. The Summer Lunch Program lunches were down at 14,851 compared to last year at 16,700. Punt Pass and Kick was the last Special Event of the season with a total of 175 registered compared to last year at 140. A photo gallery has been placed on the Parks website with photos from all of Parks special events. Pam also announced that the city will be celebrating 100 years of the City's Charter starting in November.

ITEM 3. RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS SUPPORTING THE SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Wendy Baca, Recreation Coordinator/Specialist, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the community partners that graciously provided both financial and in-kind support for the SPARK Program (Supporting Parks and Recreation Kids). She also recognized the food sponsors that provided a second meal for all the children enrolled in the Summer Recreation Program at all seventeen park locations throughout the summer. As each supporting vender was recognized, Wendy presented them with a special recognition award thanking them for all their support and time in helping provide these children with a wholesome lunch and an extra meal each day during the summer. Among those present to receive their recognition was representatives from Teen Leadership Amarillo and Canyon, Amarillo National Bank, Cargill, Chop Chop, Judy's Place, KAMR-TV, Randall County, St. John's Baptist Church, and Xcel Energy.

ITEM 4. PARK AND RECREATION DIVISION BUDGET OVERVIEW

Rod Tweet stated that the City Commission adopted the City of Amarillo budget for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 on September 17th. He stated that this budget reflects an increase in revenue derived from property tax revenues over last year's budget. Rod presented a PowerPoint presentation of how the budget process works on the operational side for each department in Parks and Recreation. He then presented the projects funded through the Capital Improvements budget. The list of Capital Improvements include, a CDBG grant for the Eastridge Splash Pad, Splash Pad in City View Park, Irrigation projects throughout the parks, installing a playground in Sleepy Hollow, parks security lights in San Jacinto Park, park amenities, concrete surface repair at Belmar and Ridgecrest, Ellwood Park improvements third phase and Southeast Park horseshoe court expansion. These projects total approximately \$1,200,000.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments from the public.

ITEM 6. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS

David Hudson asked if there have been any negativity relating to the parks that we are not addressing. Rod stated that the public wants improvements with the dog parks. A group of young adults have stated that they would like to see the skate park expanded. But most of the concerns were minor fixes such as fixing a drinking fountain.

Cameron Monroe reminded the Park Commissioners to vote November 5th and to set aside December 18th for the annual Parks and Recreation Awards Banquet at 11:30 AM in the Heritage room at the Civic Center.

ITEM 7. ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE

November 12, 2013

ITEM 8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:36.

Rod Tweet,
Director of Parks and Recreation