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On the 15th day of April 2015, the Parks and Recreation Board, Amarillo Planning and Zoning Commission, and Traffic Advisory Board convened in a joint regular session at 1:30 PM in the City Council Chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 509 East 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Jackie Payne	Y	76	60
Renee McCown	N	35	23
Rob Chafin	Y	22	18
David Hudson	N	22	18
Terry Easterling	Y	16	12
Daniel Bradley	Y	6	2
George DeCoux	Y	6	5

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
David Craig, Chairman	Y	87	69
Dean Bedwell	Y	154	145
Howard Smith	Y	192	171
Mike Good, Vice-Chairman	Y	69	51
Anthony Ledwig	N	69	59
Mark Rowh	N	22	17
Rob Parker	N	22	20

TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
D J Stubben	Y	34	33
Dean Downey	Y	29	29
Charlie Graham	Y	29	16
Mark Nair	Y	25	22
Frank Nelson	N	20	13
Walt Kelley, Chairman	Y	19	16
Steve Rogers	Y	19	14
Barbara Richardson	Y	16	12

City Staff in attendance were:

Bob Cowell	Asst. City Manager Development Services
Kelley Shaw	Planning Director
Rod Tweet	Director of Parks and Recreation
Jerry Bird	Traffic Engineer
Pat Westbrook	Asst. Director of Parks and Recreation
Gary Holwick	MPO Director
Rebecca Woods	Planner I
David Szmagalski	Traffic Operations Technician
Bryan Shelhamer	Park Development Manager
Judy Alexander	Recording Secretary
Sherylene Morris	Recording Secretary
Jan Sanders	Recording Secretary

Kelley Shaw, Planning Director, opened the meeting and established a quorum of the Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Traffic Advisory Board.

ITEM 1: Presentation and discussion of the proposed Rock Island Rail Trail Master Plan

Mr. Shaw stated that a subcommittee was originated to create a long-range comprehensive Master Plan for the implementation of the proposed Phase II Rock Island Rail Trail (RIRT) Master Plan. Mr. Shaw explained the goals and objectives, existing conditions, and possible solutions/alternatives to be presented to the City Council for action. Possible funding for the improvements includes the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant.

The board members and city staff discussed possible connectivity, aesthetics, amenities and accessibility from neighborhoods. Concerns mentioned were safety issues at major intersections, costs associated with implementing the plan, parking issues, and signage.

Mr. Shaw concluded the RIRT is a great asset of Amarillo, and City staff and the subcommittee members feel now is the time to further enhance the trail.

ITEM 2: Comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to the Rock Island Rail Trail

No comments from the general public.

ITEM 3: Consideration of the Rock Island Rail Trail Master Plan by each Board and Commission

Motion was made from the Parks and Recreation Board, by Board Member Payne, seconded by Board Member Easterling, and unanimously carried to endorse the Rock Island Rail Trail Master Plan.

Motion was made from the Planning and Zoning Commission, by Commissioner Good, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and unanimously carried to endorse the Rock Island Rail Trail Master Plan.

Motion was made from the Traffic Advisory Board, by Board Member Richardson, seconded by Board Member Rogers, and unanimously carried to endorse the Rock Island Rail Trail Master Plan.

ITEM 4: Consider future agenda items

No further comments were made and the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M.

Rob Chafin, Chairman

Sherylene Morris, Board Secretary