

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2017
LIBRARY AND RECREATION MEETING ROOMS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Johnson, Chair
Reginald Hurd
Roderick Lee
Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan
Ed Priest
Eugenia Rodgers

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Leo Bell, Jr. Vice-Chair

Bart Stevenson, Staff Liaison, Timothy Hamilton, Parks Superintendent, and Pam Willis, Recording Secretary, were city staff members in attendance.

Chair Johnson noted that there was a quorum present and began the public meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Item #1 – Neighborhood Meeting to Discuss the Possibility of Gating Harrington Park To Prohibit After-Hours Access:

Staff handed out a response from a previous public meeting called by Council member Dr. Dotson in June, 2016 where citizens had inquired about gating off parts of Harrington Park. Staff explained why the meeting was being held and why staff requested feedback from the neighborhood. Staff showed on the overhead a map of the possible/probable locations where gating would take place at the park. The first location is at the Cockrell Hill entrance and the second was at the Highgate entrance. Types of gates were discussed such as electric, timer, and keypad, chain link that pulls open in the middle or wrought iron. None of the gates are to limit pedestrian access.

Many concerns of the citizens consisted of when the gates will be installed; what time would they close the park; would pedestrian traffic be impeded and how much is this going to cost?

Staff noted their concerns and explained that the gating would take place in the near future depending on budgetary constraints. The gates would be closed at the same time that the park closes 11:30 p.m. Staff reiterated that the gates would not affect the pedestrian traffic and the burden of cost would not fall upon the homeowner. A request for barricade removal at Rolling River was made by one homeowner. Staff told him that they would work on the best solution for that particular area.

Staff asked if they could take a vote of the gating of Harrington Park. The vote was taken: 17 for; 3 opposed. Everyone was thanked for coming and participating. This part of the meeting concluded at 7:47 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting began at 7:55 p.m. as noted by Sandy McLachlan taking over for Chair Johnson because he had another commitment.

Item #1 – Public Discussion Period:

There was no one present to speak during the public discussion period.

Item #2 – Discussion and Consider Approval of Minutes:

Board member McLachlan asked if everyone had read over the minutes from January 9, 2017. Board member Rodgers motioned for the minutes to be accepted as written; a second motion came from Board member Hurd. A vote was taken of 5 in favor and 0 opposed. Minutes were approved as written. Chair Johnson and Vice-Chair Bell were not in attendance for the vote.

Item #3 – Staff Reports:

A. **Park Ranger Report** – At this time, Lt. Chris McCaleb was formerly introduced to the Board. Officer Johnston began her report with there were 236 Directed Patrols. Out of those, 24 were for Calls for

Service; 5 were Traffic Stops; and 2 were Field Contacts. There were also reports from Red Bird Park – found property and from Waterview Park – Assault (teenagers mutual assault).

- B. **Recent and Upcoming Events and Programs** – Staff noted that the Daddy Daughter Dance had a good turnout of approximately 200 participants and that there were some great pictures located on Facebook of the event. Spring Break Camp will begin on March 13-17 for ages 5-14. It is not until April 8th but staff announced the Easter Egg Hunt will be that Saturday. Staff invited the Board to attend with children, grandchildren or neighbors. A good time will be had by all.
- C. **Senior Center Travel Policy** – Staff reported that the Senior Trips standard operating policy went to Council on February 7, 2017. At this time, the Council voted that no changes would be made to the request of increasing trip travel from 50 miles radius to 100 miles radius while using the city vehicles. City Manager Kevin Hugman noted it would be better for longer trips to be made by leasing other sources of transportation. Staff told the Board that the Senior Center was made award of this decision.
- D. **Alcohol in City Facilities** - Staff explained to the Board that they would be briefing the Council regarding having alcohol in the Senior Center and Duncanville Fieldhouse during the February 21, 2017 Council meeting. It was noted that the rental party would be responsible for security and additional payment for the rental to have this privilege. It was noted by staff that the City loses more and more revenue to other cities who allow alcohol. It was explained that this alcohol provision is only for rentals at the Senior Center and Duncanville Fieldhouse not for the parks. Staff agreed to keep the Board advised as the provision moved forward.
- E. **Lakeside Post and Cable along Alley** – Staff explained to the Board that along the alley at Lakeside Park it has been proposed to post and cable along the alleyway. The alley would be maintained by the Street department.
- F. **FY17 Innovation Fund Projects** – Mr. Hamilton, Parks Superintendent expressed that the field improvements for DBBI were completed. All fencing projects are complete at Lakeside and Lions parks. Mr. Hamilton explained that the city would be using post and cabling for the parking lots at Harrington and Lakeside. He announced that he would be meeting with the chemical storage building contractor to see what they need next.

Item #4 – Discuss Park Master Plan Progress:

Staff informed the Board members that they had at least two (2) meetings with the public to receive input for the Park Master Plan mail out flyer. It was commented by a Board member that getting to 6:00 p.m. meetings is hard if you work. It was noted by staff that the survey is close to being finalized. It should go out the last week of February and will be closed around March 17, 2017. There will be at least one more meeting between Dunaway, Staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Item #6 – Adjourn of Regular Meeting:

A motion was made by Board member Priest; a second was received from Board member Hurd. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Pam Willis
Recording Secretary



Sandy McLachlan
Appointed Chair for the meeting