

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – JULY 13, 2015
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reginald Hurd
Don Johnson, Chairperson
Alexander McLachlan
Ed Priest

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Leo Bell, Jr. (Excused)
Roderick Lee (Excused)
Calvin Wells (Excused)

Bart Stevenson, Staff Liaison; Timothy Hamilton, Parks Superintendent, Kamecha Johnston, Park Ranger, and recording secretary Pam Willis were staff members in attendance.

Chairperson Johnson noted that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Item #1 – Public Discussion Period:

No one was present to speak during the public discussion period.

Item #2 – Discussion and Consider Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Johnson asked the Board to look over the minutes from the June 8, 2015 meeting. He asked if there were any questions or corrections to be made. A motion was made by Board member Priest to accept the minutes as they are; a second was received from Board member Hurd. The motion for approval of minutes was passed with 4 in favor; 0 not in favor. Board members Bell, Lee and Wells were not in attendance for the vote.

Item #3 – Staff Reports:

- A. **Park Ranger Report** – Chairperson Johnson gave the floor to Park Ranger Johnston. Park Ranger Johnston stated the following for her report: 432 patrols; 25 calls for service; 13 suspicious activities; 6 traffic stops; 1 animal welfare; 3 major disturbances; 1 minor disturbance; 54 field investigation cards; 44 citations and 4 arrests. She remarked that some of these stats would probably go down once school started and of course in the cooler weather.
- B. **Upcoming Events and Programs** – Staff Liaison Stevenson began discussion with the Independence Day festivities. Board members that attended gave very positive reviews that the parade itself was outstanding. The Board thought the event was a huge success.

Mr. Stevenson encouraged the Board to come out and enjoy the summer concert in the park featuring Jazz and Blues bands Savoy Swing and VINJAC on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Timothy Hamilton told the Board that he still needed volunteers for the Texas Waterways Cleanup at Lakeside Park on Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mr. Hamilton would be glad to have any of the Board there to help out.

Mr. Stevenson invited the Board members to attend the Movie in the Park showing of "Guardians of the Galaxy" on Friday evening August 14, 2015. He informed the Board that the recreation center was having a "Back to School Bash" on Saturday, August 15, 2015. Board members inquired if this was for Duncanville residents only and if it was not specified that it needed to be. Mr. Stevenson commented on the following being offered: free haircuts, immunizations and physicals would be free or discounted and must be a Dallas County resident and school supplies that would also be at a discount provided by vendors from Duncanville. Chairperson Johnson suggested that the recreation center contact the Meadows Foundation in Dallas for possible donations. Chairperson Johnson suggested that for the School Bash that they show proof of residency; otherwise, everyone in the area will be attending to get free

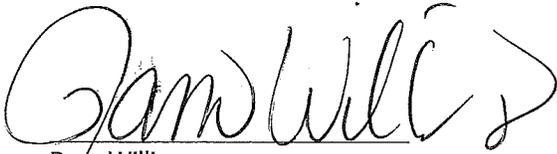
supplies for their children. Mr. Stevenson commented that the school supplies were not free; however, they would be donated.

- C. **Update on FY15 Capital Projects** – Mr. Stevenson announced that the shade for the amphitheater is scheduled to begin going up on July 27, 2015. He also noted that Mr. Hamilton was working on the purchase of batting cages for Harrington Park. It was also discussed that the restroom for Red Bird Park as well as the new playground would be ready by the end of August.
- D. **Update on FY16 Budget Process** – Mr. Stevenson told the Board that the city had a little extra money from the Debt Services account. He explained to the Board that some of this money would possibly go towards three (3) of the neediest parks: Harrington, Willow Run and the east side of Lakeside. The idea is not to redo the whole park itself, but at least upgrade playground equipment and bring the parks up to ADA standards. It was at this time that Chairperson Johnson inquired on progress of the "lighting" solution for the sports associations. Timothy Hamilton said that the solution is going to be changing them out and having a red/off and green/on switch to use. Chairperson Johnson requested that the Board meet back with the Sports Associations to see how concerns were progressing.

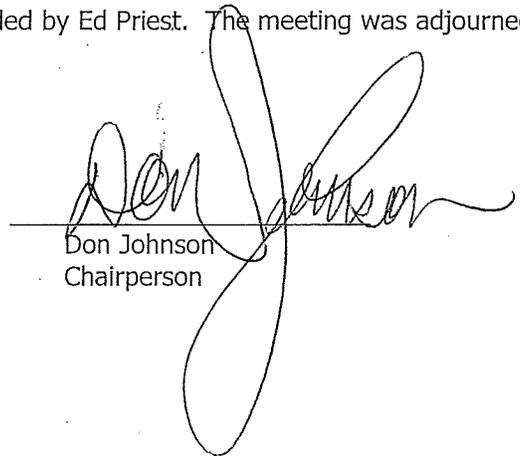
Item #4 – Discuss Potential Amendments to Chapter 12B of the Code of Ordinances, "Parks":

Mr. Stevenson passed out a handout regarding what the ordinance currently addresses and what could be issues and concerns that needed to be considered. The Board addressed each item listed on the handout. Most of them will require more discussion before amendments can be brought to Council. Mr. Stevenson told the Board that he would try to have a rough draft of amendments ready for the next Board meeting.

A motion was made by Reginald Hurd for adjournment; seconded by Ed Priest. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. unanimously.



Pam Willis
Recording Secretary



Don Johnson
Chairperson