

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – APRIL 11, 2016  
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Johnson (Chairperson)  
Leo Bell, Jr. (Vice-Chairperson)  
Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan  
Ed Priest  
Eugenia Rodgers (late 6:35pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Reginald Hurd

Bart Stevenson, Mr. Stevenson Liaison, Timothy Hamilton, Parks Superintendent, Officer Lt. Stan Estell, Officer Kamecha Johnston and Recording Secretary, Pam Willis, were city staff members in attendance.

Guests: Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden Sergio Bazaldua, Girl Scout Natalie Ortiz, and Kristi Beaty, one of Duncanville Boys Baseball Incorporated (DBBI) Directors.

Chairperson Johnson noted that there was a quorum present and began the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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:

Chairperson Johnson asked if everyone had read over the March 14, 2016 minutes. A motion for approval was made by Board member Ed Priest; a second was made by Board member McLachlan to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes as written. A vote was taken with 5 for and 0 opposed. Board member Rodgers was late and arrived at 6:35pm; therefore, she was not available to vote. Board member Hurd was not in attendance and therefore not included on the vote. Minutes were approved as written.

Item #3 – Mr. Stevenson Reports:

- A. **Park Ranger Report** – Chairperson Johnson welcomed Officer Kamecha Johnston, Park Ranger, back from spring break. Officer Johnston gave her report. She reported that there were 223 total calls. Out of that total 178 were directed patrols. Five (5) of the calls were to meet complainant and disturbances respectively. There was one each of the following: accident, back up, extra patrol, recovered property, theft, animal complaint, an assault and 1 missing child that was located totaling eight (8) in all. She also explained that there were two (2) each of the following: follow up, lost property, robbery (1 actual robbery and the other a theft of person), and including two (2) minor disturbances. There were also three (3) minor disturbances. Officer Johnston had been busy. Board member Lee commented that he had seen children playing on the new Harrington Playground while there was still safety fencing around it. It was suggested by the Board to Staff Liaison Stevenson and Mr. Hamilton that on the two (2) playgrounds for Lakeside and Willow Run that actual chain-link fencing be used for safety purposes.
- B. **Upcoming Events and Programs** – Staff Liaison announced that the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success and that the movie in the park was changed to Friday, April 29, 2016 so not to conflict with Smokin' Blues and BBQ. Staff Liaison Stevenson announced that the long-awaited Smokin' Blues and BBQ will take place on April 22-23, 2016 at Armstrong Park. Everything looks good to go and they are signing up volunteers. Mr. Hamilton updated the Board by telling them about Operation Clean Duncanville that had taken place over the weekend. He told them 60 bags of trash were gathered up and that they had about 40 residents come out. Also, the weekend of April 29 – May 1, 2016, there will be a youth soccer tournament sponsored by Copa ESPN held at Harrington Park. Copa ESPN is aware of the parking issues at Harrington. Mr. Stevenson commented that a date had been set for the Boards & Commissions banquet on May 12, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Senior Center. He reminded the Board to come to the next Town Hall meeting on April 26, 2016 at Fairmeadows Elementary School.
- C. **Update from Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden** – Sergio Bazaldua  
Mr. Bazaldua introduced himself. He is one of the Game Wardens for Dallas County. He is a state police officer that can write citations as well as tickets which he wrote more in the summer than fall. Vice-Chairperson Bell inquired if the fish at Lakeside Park were stocked by the TWPD. Mr. Bazaldua told him they were and fishing at Lakeside was part of their Neighborhood Fishin' program. Mr. Bell asked if those

fishing at Lakeside had to abide by the rules of: must have a fishing license, 2 poles or less and a bag limit of 5. Mr. Bazaldua replied that yes they were. He concluded that not having a fishing license could bring a citation of \$250. Mr. Bell also inquired if there was any way to make the fishing at Lakeside exclusive to Duncanville residents only. Mr. Bazaldua responded that because the Neighborhood Fishin' program is a state program and promoted by Texas Parks & Wildlife that it could not be exclusive for the residents of Duncanville only. Board member Priest inquired on who needed to be called if he saw children throwing rocks at the ducks trying to hit them. Mr. Bazaldua told Mr. Priest that he would need to contact the Duncanville Police Department especially if they are intent in hurting the duck; otherwise, if it were a protected species then it would be handled by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Division.

- D. **Update on FY16 Capital Projects** – Mr. Hamilton informed the Board that Harrington Park playground was nearing completion. One of the last items needed was the installation of a sidewalk. Playgrounds for Lakeside East and Willow Run had been ordered. Mr. Hamilton advised the Board that construction should be underway at the end of May and he would take it under advisement to use a chain-link fence with these installations.
- E. **Update on FY17 Budget Planning** – Mr. Stevenson announced that the Parks & Recreation department was looking at \$300,000 to be used for new features, and the replacement of amenities.
- F. **Update on Red Bird Park and Rotary Park** – Mr. Stevenson told the Board that both requests would be considered for the near future.

Item #4 – Receive and Discuss a Presentation by Girl Scout Natalie Ortiz:

Mr. Hamilton introduced Natalie Ortiz to the Board. Ms. Ortiz told the Board that she was an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Byrd Middle School and for her Silver Award from Girl Scouts she is proposing a temporary dog park in Armstrong Park. She showed the Board with Mr. Hamilton's help two (2) sites that would work at Armstrong Park. Site 1 would use fencing that is already there at the location. The Site 2 would need temporary fencing all the way around however; it was mentioned in the discussion that Camp Gladiator works out at Site 2. Both sites would have separation of smaller dogs from larger ones. Board member McLachlan said he would like to help Ms. Ortiz in any way he could. Board member Rodgers asked what Ms. Ortiz's time frame was for the dog park. Ms. Ortiz commented that the idea is still in the planning stages, but she didn't want it to be in the heat of the summer. Board member McLachlan motioned that Ms. Ortiz continue on with her temporary dog park. The motion was seconded by Board member Priest. A vote was cast of 6 in favor and 0 opposed that the park board would help in getting the temporary dog park in place.

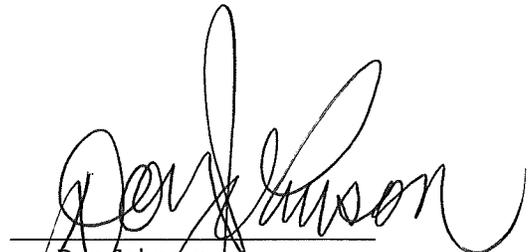
Item #5 – Receive, Discuss, and Consider Recommending Approval of a Request by Duncanville Boys Baseball Incorporated to Rename Field #5 at Harrington Park to "Dee Carlisle Field" in Honor of Their Past President:

Mr. Hamilton introduced Ms. Kristi Beaty from the Duncanville Boys Baseball Incorporated. Ms. Beaty made her request to the Board that she and the Duncanville Boys Baseball Incorporated want to name Field #5 at Harrington Park to the "Dee Carlisle Field" in honor of their past president Dee Carlisle. Ms. Beaty explained that Mr. Carlisle had been with Duncanville Boys Baseball for over 20 years and is a very special person to them and the league. A motion for the name change of Field #5 was made by Vice-Chairperson Bell with a second coming from Board member Priest. A vote was cast of 6 in favor and 0 opposed that the park board would proceed with the request for a name change for Field #5 in Harrington Park as "Dee Carlisle Field".

Item #6 – Adjourn Regular Meeting:

A motion was made by Board member Priest for adjournment. The regular Board meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

  
Pam Willis  
Recording Secretary

  
Don Johnson  
Chairperson