

**MINUTES OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**June 2, 2009**

**Call To Order**

- 10 The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Glenn Varner with the following Board members present: Brandi Patterson, Pam Kitkoski, Marcus Yarbrough, Herb Moltzan, Kevin Moffatt, and Chandra Karlen.

**Approval of Minutes**

- 15 The preliminary draft of minutes from the previous Park Board meeting on April 7, 2009 was provided to the Board for their review and approval. Chandra Karlen made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Kevin Moffatt seconded the motion which was voted on and passed with six in favor and one abstain.

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**Appointment with Mark Spencer of MHS Planning and Design to Review the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Draft Copy**

- 25 Mr. Spencer was present to discuss the status of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Data was compiled as a result of previous meetings with the Park Board and the Citizen Survey results. Due to recent annexations and boundary agreements, the City's planning areas have changed so the new Neighborhood Park District will be set, the update of the City's trail system are completed and the inventory has been adjusted. The Board discussed the results from the Citizen Survey results and Mr. Spencer inquired as to what
- 30 the Park Board members' priorities are. Brandi Patterson stated that the trail system is one of the most important qualities of the parks and her recommendation is to put more emphasis on the parks known for their trail system. Pam Kitkoski agreed that the diversity of the trail system is an important aspect of the parks. When citizens think of a trail, a majority of them think of one in a park and not necessarily one by a four lane
- 35 road. The trail system should also have benches under shade near them. Marcus Yarbrough stated that a lot of people don't realize that sidewalks are part of the trail system. It is important to have paved walking trails through a park or even more natural trails. Marcus also informed the Board that he would like to see something done with the Wallace preserve that the community could benefit from. Chairman Glenn Varner stated
- 40 that the connections by sidewalks are not considered trails to most people. Trails within the neighborhood parks are very important. Also, he recommends focusing on going forward with a real nice trail system in the Lakeside Park and one on the south side of the town. His concern is the lack of the lengths of the small trails. Herb Moltzan stated that the trails and neighborhood parks are of equal importance. There is typically one group of
- 45 people that use the trails and another group that uses the parks and pavilions. It is important to equally meet both of these needs. Kevin Moffatt informed the Board that he believes there are no enough Recreation programs and variety of things to do in the parks. He stated that there are not enough softball/baseball fields in the parks. Chandra Karlen stated that the future lakeside park will include many of the amenities that the community
- 50 has listed as their priorities. The neighborhood parks are also very important.

The Board also discussed the possibility of integrating green space within the business communities. The Board agreed that explaining the concept and by educating people will gain the support for something like this.

- 55 After much discussion, Mr. Griggs stated that Mark Spencer will address the Board with a final draft plan at the July Park Board meeting.

**Discuss and Consider a Date for the Ribbon Cutting for the Trail Projects**

- 60 The Board discussed dates and times for the ribbon cutting ceremonies. Herb Moltzan made a motion to approve Jun 13, 2009 for the date of the ribbon cutting ceremonies. Marcus Yarbrough seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Presentation of TRAPS Gold Medal Pins**

- 65 Mr. Griggs presented the Park Board with the Gold Medal Award pins from the Texas Recreation and Park Society that were awarded in February 2009.

**Staff Report on Project Updates**

- 70 Mr. Hesser informed the Board that the Hike-n-Bike Trails will be completed by June 13, 2009. There are some cosmetic work to be done and some modifications that have had to be made.

- 75 The Jewel Park improvements will begin next week.

The Squabble Creek Mountain Bike Trail will be receiving some assistance from the Streets Department for putting in the parking lot.

- 80 A new sidewalk around the pool at Gloria Williams has been completed due to some shifting in the concrete.

**Staff Report on Upcoming Events**

- 85 The Summer Adult Softball began yesterday. The pools open June 5<sup>th</sup> and swim lessons begin June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Founders Day festival took place on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and was a successful event. Mr. Griggs showed the Board several photos from the event.

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**Hold Executive Session Under Section 551.072 of Texas Government Code to Discuss: A. Deliberation regarding the purchase exchange, lease, or value of real property.**

- 95 At approximately 7:20 p.m., the Board adjourned into Executive Session.

At approximately 7:47 p.m., the Board came back into Regular Session.

100    **Take Any Action as Result of Executive Session**

No action was taken.

105    **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.