

MINUTES
IRVING PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MONDAY APRIL 13, 2009
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Stipes
Mike Kwiatkowski
Matt Davis
Chuck Kirk
Kimberly Zahorik
Marcy Brown-Marsden
Trivella Smith

IPAR STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Michalski
Gayle Averitt
Walter Ritchie
Gene Moulden
Becky Dietz
Dwight Pinnix

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Karen Harmon
Helen Chaplin

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Item 1 – Approval of Minutes

Matt Davis made a motion to approve the minutes. Marcy Brown-Marsden 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 – Council Action Report

Chris Michalski informed the board that the Council awarded vendors Justin Seed and Mannfarm Ranch Supply the contract for \$46,000 for fertilizers to be used in the park system. Council also awarded a contract for \$39,000 to Artistic Painting. This contract is split between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Traffic and Transportation Department and is for the painting of the pedestrian bridge and the pipe railing at Centennial Park. Two traffic bridges, one on Eastbound 356 and the other on Sixth Street will also be painted.

Chris advised the board that on April 8th the agenda was very light except for moving large sums of money from Park Bond Funds. TXDOT gave the Parks Department approximately \$460,000 to re-align the park entry road at Jaycee Park. Gayle Averitt has set up an account to move the money for this project. We have moved \$32,000 of Park Bond reserve funds to an account to finish the rest of Northwest Park jogging trail. We have also identified approximately \$118,000 still remaining from the Lively Pointe project. This amount will be set up in an escrow account for repairs of Campion Trail.

Item 3 – Chairperson Report

No report this month.

Item 4 – Information Items

A. FY 2009-10 Budget Review

Chris Michalski reviewed the budget with board members. Chris answered questions from board members regarding the budget.

B. Goal 7 Presentation

Chris Michalski made a power point presentation on Strategic Goal number 7. Chris answered questions from board members.

C. Director's Report

Chris Michalski suggested the continuance of the Park Naming Committee for a specific task of working with the Disabilities Committee in trying to determine if we want to have a particular name for the Miracle League Field. Chris also would like to form a committee to review some proposals from potential partners such as the Dallas off Road Bike Assoc. (DORBA) and the White Bridle Society which is a therapeutic horse group. Chuck Kirk appointed Matt Davis, Marcy Brown-Marsden and Mike Kwiatkowski to serve as committee members for the Program and Partnership Expansion Committee.

Chris mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Department has acquired 7 positions from the Street Department that will upkeep the drainage channels around the City.

D. Administrative Update

Gayle Averitt reminded the board members of the Board and Commissions Banquet this coming Thursday evening, April 16th and also the Veteran's Memorial Park Dedication on May 17th at 2:30 p.m. Gayle reviewed the program for the dedication with the board members. Gayle answered questions from the board members.

E. Athletic/Aquatic Activities Update

Walter Ritchie updated the board of upcoming activities including the Irving Swimmers swim-a-thon and the Rise Adaptive Scuba kick-off, both held at Northlake Aquatic Center.

Walter advised the board members that the roof will be removed at Northlake Aquatic Center the week of April 27th. Walter mentioned that the seasonal pools will open with a modified schedule due to the Irving schools being held on Memorial Day this year. Walter answered questions from board members.

F. Recreation Activities Update

Dwight Pinnix updated the board of upcoming activities including the Murder Mystery dinner at Heritage Senior Center, Cinco de Mayo at Senter Park, and the Earth Day Celebration at Sam Houston Park and various Mother's Day celebrations.

G. Current Projects Update

Gene Moulden updated the board on the progress of the current projects. Gene answered questions from board members.

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Item 5 – Committee Reports

A. Appointments

Chuck Kirk made the appointments of Marcy Brown-Marsden, Matt Davis and Mike Kwiatkowski earlier in the meeting for the Program and Partnership Expansion Committee.

Item 6 – Future Agenda Items/Open Discussion

Item 7 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.