

MINUTES
IRVING PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
6:15 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Stipes
Karen Harmon
Chuck Kirk
Helen Chaplin
Mike Kwiatkowski
Trivella Smith
Marcy Brown-Marsden
Kimberly Zahorik

IPAR STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Michalski
Mike Griffith
Walter Ritchie
Ray Cerda
Gayle Averitt
Becky Dietz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marilyn Wilson

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Item 1 – Call to Order

Larry Stipes called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes

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

Item 3 – Chairperson Report

No report this month.

Item 4 – Council Action Report

Chris Michalski advised board members that Council approved the DAA contract that was up for renewal to continue providing meals at the Heritage Senior Center.

Chris mentioned that he will be presenting the results of Goal 7 at the upcoming City Council Work Session from this past fiscal year. Goal 7 primarily relates to Parks and Recreation and Libraries but also includes the Arts Center.

Item 5 – Action Items

A. Endorsement of December Award Nominations

Board members reviewed and discussed the nominations. Karen Harmon made a motion to endorse the following awards. Chuck Kirk 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Community Service Award**

Vivienne Armstrong
Tena Burell

Heartland World Ministries Church
Irving Fire Department Honor Guard
Irving Independent School District – Fine Arts Department
MACTION Team – MacArthur High School
Arvind Sivakumar
Sudhish Srikanth

- **Corporate Appreciation Award**

Lane Atkins
Emeritus at Irving (formerly Twelve Oaks)
Fannin Tree Farm
Hearthstone
iFratelli Italian Restaurant
Irving Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce
Sign Outpost

- **IPAR Super Star Award**

Shruthi Alladi
Rebecca Lynn Anglin
Vicki Bell
Circle I Square and Round Dance Club
Natasha Dangol
Stan Green
Bill & Laverne Howell
Betty Madden
Brett Miller
Marlene Nobriga
Cindy Sanchez-Mejia
Robert Welch

Item 6 – Information Items

A. Director's Report

Chris Michalski mentioned that there is an emphasis on trees this upcoming week starting with the Mayor presenting an Arbor Day Proclamation to the Tree Board at the Thursday night City Council Meeting. On Friday, November 12, 2010 there will be an Arbor Day ceremony at MacArthur High School and then on Saturday, November 13, 2010 there is a tree planting ceremony with the Boys Scouts at Northwest Park.

Chris also mentioned that Staff has been working with the City Council appointed Senior Services Committee who has had several meetings. The next meeting will be on November 30th where the committee will be making a site visit to two new Senior Centers. The committee was formed to get input such as recommending a location and amenities for a new Senior Center in Irving. When the committee has made a selection for the new site, the recommendation will go to the Park Board for endorsement before going on to Council. Chris answered questions from board members.

B. Athletic & Aquatic Activities Update

Walter Ritchie mentioned that the rain has hindered the sports programs less this year than in past years allowing most of the programs to be able to finish the season this upcoming weekend. Having the season end enables staff to get into the maintenance and infrastructure of the fields. Walter answered questions from board members.

C. Litter and Corridor Team Update

Information in packet.

D. Park Maintenance Team Update

Mike Griffith updated the board of upcoming activities including the Arbor Day events and the NFL Super Bowl 45 tree planting ceremony at Birds Fort Trail on November 20, 2010.

Mike advised board members that maintenance staff is getting ready for the Holiday decorating. Mike answered questions from board members.

E. Recreation Activities Update

Ray Cerda updated the board on upcoming activities including the Holiday Extravaganza event, annual Thanksgiving camps, college tours and the canned food drive.

F. Administrative Activities Update

Gayle Averitt advised board members that the Arbor Day event at MacArthur High School this coming Friday will take place indoors in case of rain. Gayle asked for a head count of board members that plan attending.

Gayle mentioned that the December Park Board meeting will start at 6 p.m. due to the Awards Program following.

Item 7 – Committee Reports

A. Recreation Center Liaison Report

No reports this month.

B. Tree Board Update

Marcy Brown-Marsden thanked Gayle Averitt for her help in organizing the Arbor Day events and also in making the invitations. Marcy mentioned that the Education Committee is working on a brochure for tree education and tree information. Marcy thanked Mike Griffith and Chris Michalski for organizing a meeting with several city departments to review the practices and basic standards that they use for managing the trees in the city.

Item 8 – Future Agenda Items/Open Discussion

Item 9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.