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Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

Richmond, Texas 77584

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Richmond, Texas met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Haas, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Robert Haas
Robert Hodge
Carrie Jackson
Pat Pittman
Veronica Torres

Staff in attendance: Howard Christian, Public Works Director; Gary Smith, City Attorney; and Jessica Duet, Planning Director.

Chairman Haas declared the meeting open.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A2., public comment. He asked if there were any public comments. Hearing no public comment the agenda item was closed.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item B1., review and approval of the minutes from April 4, 2018. The motion was presented by Board Member Torres for approval of the minutes with an amendment to agenda item A-2 stating "Daisy Rodriguez's comment should reflect an additional question about the status of the overpass construction." and "Mr. Howard Christian, Public Works Director, responded to Ms. Rodriguez he would follow up often." The motion was seconded by Board Member Pittman. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item B2., the Parks and Recreation Board's monthly report to City Commission. Chairman Haas stated the report was sent to City Commission successfully.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item B3., announcing the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item C1., consideration and action for sidewalk improvements to Clay Park for a mural painting presented by Allesheya Hawk, Janis Knuckles, Barbara Johnson, and Jessica Duet. Ms. Hawk stated the art mural was inspired by pop artist Keith Haring. She further stated the children will sign the top of the moon shaped sidewalk with hand prints when the mural is complete. The project will have a one to four teacher to student ratio and five artists working with the children on the days of the project. They will also touch up the existing hop scotch in Clay Park. Ms. Jessica Duet, Planning Director, stated the project will take place over Memorial Day weekend on Saturday to Monday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day. She presented the winning design to the Parks and Recreation Board with a cleaned up version of the design from one of the muralists. Ms. Duet explained restroom facilities will be provided all three days and water and ice on Saturday and Sunday. She stated volunteers would be needed on Monday for water and ice due to the City holiday. Board Member Hodge motion to recommend approval of the sidewalk improvements in Clay Park for a mural painting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Torres. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item C2., a presentation by Access Health's on Community-Centered Health Homes (CCHH) by Ms. Palak Jalan. Ms. Jalan and Ms. Diana Turner from Access Health gave a presentation. In the presentation, they stated Access Health's patient data (2015) indicated 52% of Richmond's population is obese or overweight. In research, Access Health found only 4% of national spending is spent on preventing health issues. Access Health wants to focus on being more community centered outside of the clinic walls so in 2016 they applied to the Episcopal Health Foundation grant. Access Health reported the hot spots for health related problems in Richmond are Rocky Falls Road, Jenny Lane, Mustang Crossing and Lamar Park Apartments (Access Health data). They stated they would like to work with partners in the community in order to make the community healthier. The partners identified are the Henderson-Wessendorf Foundation, Friends of North Richmond, and YMCA. Access Health has also targeted Juan-Seguin Park as a potential for a park in north Richmond because of its existing basketball court and track. Access Health stated they had a little bit of funding and wanted to know how they could partner with City of Richmond to make north Richmond healthier not just for kids but parents too. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairman Haas stated the City has two adopted master plans which Ms. Jalan and Ms. Turner should review. Those plans are the Trails Master Plan and Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Master Plan. He further stated the City would need a

partnership to get a park in north Richmond constructed and complete along with a possible grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. He stated he would work with the City's GIS staff for maps of the north Richmond Park. Ms. Turner stated Access Health is very interested in partnering in a project with the City and is happy to volunteer hours to work on a park in north Richmond. Mr. Howard Christian, Public Works Director, stated the Public Works Department has many projects in the works in north Richmond including trails that tie into Wessendorf Park and construction on multimodal trails on Collins Road with CDBG grants. Mr. Christian further stated a sidewalk project from Preston Street to George Park called Phase X through CBDG funds is currently being pursued.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item C3., staff information reports. Mr. Howard Christian reported climbing equipment will be installed at Freeman Town Park in a few weeks. The cost is between \$8,000.00 and \$9,000.00. He also stated new restrooms will be installed at George Park. These restrooms will be located near the pavilion. The cost of the new George Park restrooms is \$150,00.00.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item C4., park visits by the Parks and Recreation Board members. Board Member Pittman stated she visited George Park to look at the trees planted in March. She stated the trees look in good condition. No other Board Members reported.

There being no further business to be brought before the Parks and Recreation Board, Chairman Haas adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Approved:



Robert Haas, Parks and Recreation Board Chair