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Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

Richmond, Texas 77469

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 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, March 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Haas, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present, with all members present.

Chairman Haas declared the meeting open.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-2., public comment. He asked if there were any public comments. Hearing no public comment the agenda item was closed.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-3., review and approval of the minutes from February 13, 2019. The Minutes of February 13, 1029 was approved unanimously and amended with 2 corrections.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-4., the Parks and Recreation Board's monthly report to City Commission. No discussion or action required.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-5., announcing the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Chairman Haas set the date of the next meeting for April 17, 2019. No comments or action required.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-6., Keep Richmond Beautiful (KRB) Committee monthly report. Ms. Pat Pittman stated the second committee meeting was held on March 7, 2019, with 6 members attending. The meeting primarily was to discuss shred day on April 6, 2019. Ms. Pittman did invite everyone to participate in this event. The flyer was included in all of the March utility bills as well as committee members distributed flyers throughout the community. This information was also published in the Fort Bend Herald and posted on the KRB website. The Committee contacted the Wharton County Junior Community College and the George Ranch High School about recruiting volunteers. The committee talked about Earth Day activities. The previous contact at HEB for Earth Day activities is no longer there, so the committee decided not to pursue that. The George Library is going to have an event on April 13, 2019. They are doing more of a lecture and workshop format and they only have one workshop open on Container Gardening or Keyhole Gardening. Missouri City Green will be doing a presentation on recycling. Ms. Pittman and Ms. Barb Johnson will be attending that event. The committee did one Keep Texas Beautiful training on Tech Tools 101. Ms. Pittman, Ms. Johnson, and Peggy d'Hemecourt, Master Gardner cleaned up the City Hall Plaza. On Saturday, April 6, committee members will be cleaning up the planters on Morton Street during the shred event.

Chairman Haas inquired about the finances. Ms. Pittman indicated there have been no problems with the finances. Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager, if the City employees could take care of the weeds around the grass and in the cracks on Morton Street. Mr. Christian advised Ms. Johnson to contact Mr. Jim Whitehead, Parks Superintendent, to coordinate this.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-7., Review and Discuss Community Park concepts. Chairman Haas asked each member to express ideas and opinions of their vision of the park. Committee members had several questions of Mr. Christian regarding the structures within the park. Mr. Christian indicated that due to staff not starting the process yet he is not aware of the condition of the current structures within the park. Mr. Christian clarified that the school wanted to keep the playground area and the track. Each committee member spent some time discussing different ideas. Mr. Christian reminded the committee members that the idea is to have a conceptual plan on what the City's idea might be going forward as opposed to individual plans. Chairman Haas stated he will type up all of the ideas and recommendations of committee members and bring them to the next meeting. Chairman Haas closed this item with no action.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-8., Staff reports. Mr. Christian indicated that the surveys have been done of the sidewalk are from Preston all the way to George Park. Staff will meet with AccessHealth next week to put together a plan of communication with residents and Helping Hands. They will also put together outreach information to get some information from the residents about a conceptual plan of what this might look like. A church group has volunteered to spread mulch and do planting in April to get ready for spring. Chairman Haas asked for an update on the restrooms at George Park. Mr. Christian stated they are currently negotiating with a contractor regarding some changes and is currently being reviewed. Mr. Christian indicated that with this change there is potential to possibly fund lighting for the sidewalk to the Pavilion.

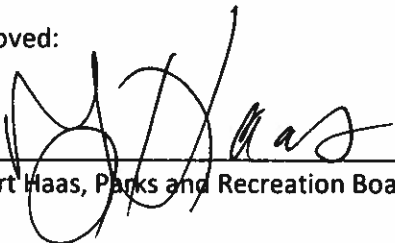
Chairperson Haas stated that Coffee with a Cop will held Wednesday, March 27, at 8 am to 10 am at Freeman Town Park, 609 Burnet Street.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-9., Park visits by park board members. Ms. Pittman indicated one year ago they planted trees with the Rotary and Keep Richmond Beautiful. Ms. Pittman went out to George Park and surveyed all the trees. Mr. Tim Walker visited Freeman, Clay and Crawford Parks, and stated that the net on the basketball hoop was missing at Freeman Park, but that this is an ongoing issue. The trash cans were not chained down at Clay Park. Everything looked fine at Crawford Park.

Chairman Haas mentioned that in the packet given to committee members there is a flyer for the Downtown Assessment for the Texas Downtown Association and will be on March 29, 2019 at 9:30 am and 2:30 pm if anyone would like to attend.

There being no further business to be brought before the Parks and Recreation Board, Chairman Haas adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Approved:



Robert Haas, Parks and Recreation Board Chair