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Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

City Commission Room | 600 Morton Street, Richmond, Texas 77469

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 5:00 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Richmond, Texas met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 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 - Chairman
Pat Pittman
Barbara Johnson
Susan Farris
Robert Hodge

Staff in attendance: Howard Christian, *Assistant City Manager*; Jamie Walker, *Public Works Executive Secretary*; Gary Smith, *City Attorney*

Chairman Haas declared the meeting open.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-2., public comment. He asked if there were any public comments. Rick Garza with the Soccer Club at George Park presented. Mr. Garza is interested in the activities at George Park. Hearing no other public comments, the agenda item was closed.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-3., Review and approve minutes from October 9, 2019, regular meeting. Ms. Johnson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-4., The Parks and Recreation Board's monthly report to City Commission. No discussion or action is 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 Wednesday, March 18, 2020. No comments or action required.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-6., Keep Richmond Beautiful (KRB) Committee monthly report. a) Ms. Pittman reported that KRB set up flags for Veteran's Day downtown on Morton Street, colored annual pots were planted in front of City Hall, and water for all planters. KRB met all the requirements in 2019 for Keep Texas Beautiful. Ms. Pittman participated in a training Webinar called The Scenic City Certification Program. This program provided information such as the requirements on how to achieve a Platinum Certification, as well as the benefits of this status. The Keep Texas Beautiful annual report is due by March 22, 2020. The Annual Report will include a summary of what KRB has

done throughout 2019. The annual dues for Keep Texas Beautiful did increase from \$150 to \$175, and these are due by March 1, 2020. b) Ms. Pittman met with Angelia, the new Community Relations Director for HEB, to discuss Earth Day activities. Keep Richmond Beautiful and the City of Richmond will sponsor the annual document shred event on Saturday, April 25, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at City Hall Park. In 2019 a new record was set on the amount of documents shred, and the goal is to exceed that for 2020. Chairman Haas commended Ms. Pittman and Ms. Johnson for the tremendous work given to Keep Richmond Beautiful.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-7., Update: Development of the new Community Park. Mr. Christian indicated there are no updates at this time. Mr. Christian did advise he does have some upcoming meetings regarding the park, and the City will continue to be in touch with Lamar School District regarding this development.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-8., Update: Staff Information Reports. a) Collins Road Sidewalk Project update. Mr. Christian indicated the sidewalks are coming along and there have been drainage improvements. Decorative streetlights will be installed to improve lighting from Maiden Lane to the park. b) George Park Entrance update. Mr. Christian stated that staff is considering bidding out this job as a separate item.


Chairperson Haas commented on the black painted fence that has been updated at N Second Street. Mr. Christian indicated that the fence was covered with black fabric. A black windscreen will be placed at the fence to help with the sunshine. Mr. Christian stated there some plans in the works for this area that have not been made public just yet.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-9: Park visits by Park Board Members. Ms. Farris visited George Park and indicated that the park hours sign has faded enough that the park hours are not visible, and the sign will need to be replaced. Mr. Christian indicated staff will place a work order for a new sign to be made and replace the old one.

Chairman Haas introduced agenda item A-10: Future agenda items. No comments provided or action required.

There being no further business to be brought before the Parks and Recreation Board, Chairman Haas adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Approved:



Robert Haas, Parks and Recreation Board Chair