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Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

600 Morton Street

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 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, January 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Robert Haas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum was present, with the following members in attendance:

Barry Beard
Robert Haas
Robert Hodge
Barbara Johnson
Klip Morefield
Pat Pittman
Veronica Torres

Chair Robert Haas declared the meeting open.

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

Agenda item B1, Develop a list of special interest groups to be interviewed in the Focus/Public Input phase of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan, was introduced by Chair Robert Haas. City Planner Jessica Duet introduced Hunter Rush with MHS Planning & Design, LLC who explained as part of the Focus/Public input phase of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan the Board will need to develop a list of seven or eight special interest groups consisting of three to five citizens within each group. These special interest groups will discuss what ideas they would like to see or have for future parks and their amenities. The Board was asked to email Chair Robert Haas their list of groups within the next two weeks. He will compile the list of the groups submitted and the groups will be discussed at the next regular meeting on February 3, 2016.

Agenda item B2, Review and discuss the Citizen Survey, was introduced by Chair Robert Haas. Hunter Rush of MHS Design reviewed a draft Parks and Recreation Survey Form which contains general questions on citizen views and two questions specific to Richmond. The survey will be sent out to the citizens during the public input phase by the focus groups. The Board was asked to email Jessica Duet by January 20, 2016 their additions or removal of questions on the survey. MHS Design will compile these changes and incorporate them into the survey for the Board's review at the February regular meeting. The Board also discussed the options for getting the survey to the citizens. Jessica Duet will check into the options of including it in the water bill and online and will report her findings at the February regular meeting.

Agenda item B3, Update on proposed Freeman Town Community Park, was introduced by Chair Robert Haas. Jessica Duet reported she has no update. The city is waiting for input from the citizens neighboring the park on their ideas for the park. Chair Robert Haas will email the Board the location of the Freeman Town Community Park.

Agenda item B4, Presentation of Certificate of Recognition by H-GAC Parks and Natural Areas Awards Competition (Planning Tools category) for the Richmond Trails Master Plan was introduced by Chair Robert Haas. Jessica Duet presented the Certificate of Recognition by the H-GAC Parks and Natural Areas which recognized the Richmond Trails Master Plan in the planning tools category of the competition.

There being no further business to be brought before the Parks and Recreation, Barry Beard motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Klip Morefield seconded and the Parks and Recreation Board adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Approved:



Robert Haas, Parks and Recreation Board Chair