



MINUTES

CITIZEN BOND COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION SUB COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
14050 FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS 75234

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016
6:30 PM

Members Present: David Merritt, Michelle Holmes, Michael Driskill, Linda Bertl

Members Absent: Nic Rady, John Jakob, Rodger Cramer

Staff Present: Mitzi Davis

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
David Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.
- II. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016 AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION**
Michael Driskill moved to adopt the meeting minutes; Second by Linda Bertl. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. DISCUSS DOG PARK**
Mitzi Davis with Parks and Recreation discussed the cost estimate and amenities based on a 5 acre tract of land. A dog park this size accommodating large/small and relief areas would cost approximately \$999,660. Mitzi informed the committee that she and Charles Cancellare, Parks Superintendent, toured seven other dog parks in other cities to formulate ideas. A smaller site would reduce the overall cost. Mitzi identified three potential areas that were less than 5 acres in Farmers Branch that may be suitable for a dog park; strip of land west of the Fire Station near the Library, area on Holiday Park where the new Fire Station will be constructed and an Oncor utility easement parallel to Inwood Road south of Spring Valley Road.
- IV. DISCUSS HISTORICAL PARK**
Michelle Holmes ask that staff provide a revenue generating estimate for the Historical Park. Find out what other cities charge for weddings and how many are turned away because of events, lack of space or other. David Merritt recapped the need for inventory storage and protection at the Historical Park. Estimated cost \$6-\$7 million to provide improvements and amenities on the 27 acres.
- V. DISCUSS JOHN F. BURKE NATURE PRESERVE**
David Merritt reminded the committee that Charles Cancellare had revised the estimate of constructing a parking lot. The gravel lot is much lower than the original figure. The revision is less than \$200,000.
- VI. DISCUSS TRAIL MASTER PLAN**
David Merritt summarized the estimated cost \$4M-\$5M to implement Phase I starting with the central zone.
- VII. DISCUSS POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**
David Merritt read the citizen comments. Many of the ideas were in line with what the committee had already discussed. Other comments related to programming, maintenance or other sub-committees.
- VIII. DISCUSS BENCHMARK MATRIX**
David Merritt was out of town last week and could not meet with staff to plug in the information on the matrix. The committee members discussed three to four projects for the matrix and whether to combine the items or keep them separate. Areas for consideration are the Historical Park improvements, the Grove improvements; Trail Master Plan implementation, John F. Burke Nature Preserve and a dog park. As it currently stands an estimated \$18M would be the high end total for the Parks Bond Package. The committee must determine how many items to push forward for council to review. Any item for consideration must benefit all citizens of the community not just one neighborhood.

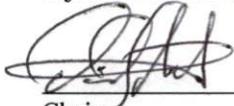
The group expressed the need to show residents how the bond will affect their income especially citizens over 65 years of age or home owners whose house exceeds a price point.

IX. CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee members discussed canceling the meeting on July 18 because two listening meetings are scheduled on July 19. Committee will reconvene on August 1.

X. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Bertl. Second by Michael Driskill. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


DAVID MERRITT
Chair

Attest:


Secretary