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Minutes

Farmers Branch
Dodson House
2540 Farmers Branch Ln
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Historical Preservation & Restoration Board

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

6:30 PM

Dodson House

Meeting held at 6:30 PM at the Dodson House Main Room

Presiding: Chair Ann Christman

Present: Gail Cope, Carol Dingman, William Frome, Johannes Hylkema, Bitsy Laney, Kay Lynn Lyon, Danielle Neumeyer, Bill Stolp, and Warren Wetzell

Absent:

Staff: Jeff Harting, Parks and Recreation Director,
Mike Mashburn, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director,
and Wimberly Phillips, Recreation Superintendent

A. AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

A.2 Approval of minutes from the January 22, 2019 Board meeting; and take appropriate action.

Will Frome moved to accept the minutes as presented. Danielle Neumeyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A.3 Consider excusing the absence of Gail Cope and Kay Lynn Lyon from the January 22, 2019 Board meeting; and take appropriate action.

Ann Christman explained that she was notified in advance of these absences. Bitsy Laney moved to excuse these absences. Bill Stolp second. Motion carried unanimously.

A.4 Discuss moving the Historical Preservation and Restoration Board's meeting day; and take appropriate action.

There was a discussion of the Historical Preservation & Restoration Board's meeting day when there was a change in the City Council's meeting day. The consensus among the members was that no change was needed unless special circumstances applied.

A.5 Discuss Oral Histories; and take appropriate action.

There was a discussion of the Oral Histories Project led by Carol Dingman. Carol suggested that Anna Reyes should be interviewed as the first Hispanic Council person. Fifty interviews have already been done and the public can view them in the Historical Park's research library.

A.6 Receive a report on Historical Park maintenance projects.

Wimberly Phillips gave a report on the Historical Park maintenance projects. The Ladonia House exterior repair and paint project should be completed in April. The Docent Circle of Honor bricks have been moved from the Gazebo patio area to the east side of the School House.

A.7 Receive committee updates; and take appropriate action.

Events committee: Kay Lynn Lyon reported on the events in the Park in January, February and those planned for March. January: Bird Walk and Home Depot Workshop, HeARTs and Crafts, and Paining with Paloma. February: Valentine Candy Making class, Bird Walk: Bird Counting 101, and Painting with Paloma. The Valentine Candy Making class was well attended. March: Camping Under the Stars already has 10 out of 15 sites booked and Celebrating Spring with Laura Ingalls Wilder is planned, weather permitting.

StEPs committee: Bill Stolp reported that Section 1-Mission, Vision, Governance has been completed by the committee and that Section 2-Audience has been started. Bill Stolp explained that this section of StEPs deals mainly with the institution (The City and Parks and Recreation Department) and that Wimberly Phillips, Recreation Superintendent, provided answers to most of the questions which the committee reviewed and discussed. There are six sections in all.

Strategic plan: Carol Dingman updated the Board.

Barn Project: Mike Mashburn, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation presented a Power Point presentation on the Barn Project. This was the same presentation that was shown to City Council at their annual retreat. There was also a presentation booklet which had been prepared by Parks and Recreation Department staff. The Board had questions and comments for Mike about the presentation and booklet. There was a discussion about the plan to put exhibit space in as Phase II. Several members were concerned that this was not just a postponement but a lack of interest in building exhibit space. Board members were encouraged to come to the study session of the City Council when the topic of the Barn Project was being discussed. Board members were also encouraged to come to any further Town Hall presentations on the Barn Project. The next step was a more definite plan by an architect which the staff felt was the direction City Council wanted to take, and which the Board agreed would be appropriate.

A.8 Receive and discuss Director's report.

A copy of the Director's report was included in the Board's packet. Ann Christman reported on the plan by the City Council to downsize all the boards to seven members with two alternate members to make a quorum. The City Council is also thinking of having subcommittee members who could apply for the subcommittees they are interested in working with and not for the larger Board.

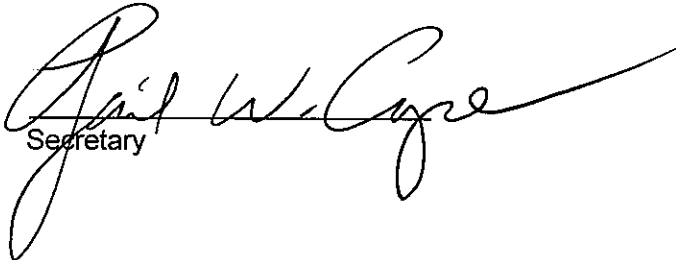
B. ADJOURNMENT

Warren Wetzel moved to adjourn the meeting. Johannes Hylkema seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Chair



Secretary