Minutes PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Regular Meeting
Held at Civic Center – Conference Room 202
March 18, 2014
6:00 PM

Members absent: Gene Fitch, Jr. City Council Liaison in attendance: None

PARD Staff in attendance: Michael Massey, Robbie Hazelbaker, Roger Scott and Kelli Keath

Attending Commission Members:

Kenan Brandes – Chairman

Susan Fischer – Member

Pam Krause - Member

Kevin Williams - Member

Jeremy Thomason – Vice Chairman

Amit (AV) Vaghela – Member

Jeanne Hooker – Member

Collin Hayes – Member

Visitors: None

- 1. Chairman, Kenan Brandes, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
- 2. On a motion by Jeanne Hooker seconded by Kevin Williams, the minutes of the February 11, 2014 regular meeting were approved.
- 3. Chairman's Report
 - a) Reminder of upcoming PARC meetings and June 10 Tour
 - Chairman Kenan Brandes reminded members of the following upcoming PARC schedule. The next regularly scheduled meeting will occur on Tuesday, April 9th at 6PM, followed by no meeting in the month of May and a tour in June.
 - Chairman Kenan Brandes explained the annual tour which has been planned this year for June 10th. A discussion was then opened and feedback was received from all members as to possible locations to visit. Some of these sites included; a skate park (Pam Krause), Richardson parks that have recently been renovated or still need redevelopment (Pam Krause), parks of surrounding cities specifically the northern ones (Jeanne Hooker), the City Line Park location (Kevin Williams), the Allen Natatorium (Jeremy Thomason), a cricket or lacrosse field (Jeremy Thomason), sand volleyball (Amit Vaghela) and the Suburbia Fest site (Amit Vaghela).
 - Director Michael Massey will take these suggestions and form a draft route for the upcoming June 10th tour and will present this to the members at the next PARC meeting.

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4. April 15th Priority List Discussion

- A discussion took place centered on the April 15th Priority List. Chairman Kenan Brandes reviewed the document with members and stated the importance of it and asked that the members help shape the list to reflect the Commissions actual ideas and goals for the next fiscal year.
- Feedback, concerns and edits were received from all of the members. Director Michael Massey and Chairman Kenan Brandes will take the new suggestions and edits to develop a more updated final draft to be presented at the regularly scheduled Park Commission meeting in April.

5. Director's Report

a) Dog Park Update

- Director Michael Massey shared a presentation concerning the naming of the new Richardson Dog Park. Mr. Massey stated that the chosen name will have a lot to do with the theme, design and planning of the actual park itself. He then went on to share some suggested names with the members. Some of those names included Barney Bush Dog Park, Bark-inridge Dog Park and Jacob Roof Dog Park.
- After much discussion, the Commission decided to table the discussion and refrain from making a recommendation to City Council due to more time being needed to deliberate and research more names. It was however unanimously decided to strike Bark-inridge Dog Park and Jacob Roof Dog Park at this time.

b) Northrich Elementary Park Update

 Assistant Director Roger Scott gave an update on the Northrich Elementary Park Project. Currently, we are working with consultants on the schematics. RISD has approved planning and favors the Natural Concept Bear Theme. Mr. Scott informed and invited members to the public meeting scheduled for March 27th @ 7pm at City Hall in the City Council Chambers. This public meeting will offer us an opportunity to gain the public's input on this project.

c) Cottonwood & Wildflower! Update

- Assistant Director Robbie Hazelbaker provided members with updates on both Cottonwood & Wildflower!
- The Cottonwood dinner will take place on May 2nd and will place an emphasis on emerging artists from 4 high schools. This event is being sponsored by Suburban Parent Family Magazine.
- Mr. Hazelbaker walked the members through the updated Wildflower! Art and Music Festival web site. He revealed the 2014 sponsors and the new art work which was prepared by MODassic Marketing a new AD Agency. He shared that we are just \$45k from reaching our overall goals.

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- d) April 3rd Realtor Workshop Information Item
 - Director Michael Massey and Administrative Secretary Kelli Keath updated members on the upcoming Realtor Workshop. At this event there will be an opportunity to learn about the unique and exciting amenities, developments and events shaping the future of Richardson's neighborhoods. This event will take place on April 3rd at City Hall in the Grand Hall from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- e) 2010 Bond Program Update
 - Assistant Director Roger Scott gave a report on the 2010 Bond Program. He specifically mentioned that the Central Trail South project is expected to be completed next month and is currently 92% finished. Details concerning the dedication are TBD. Further, he reported that there will be four public meetings regarding the playground redevelopment projects and that the City Entry Signs is a project on hold until the construction around State Farm at Plano Road gets further along.
- 6. Park & Recreation Commission round table of community interest items.
 - Director Michael Massey announced that on April 7th there will be a City Council Meeting/Workshop where several PARD topics will be discussed; some of those include the McKamy Historical Marker, the Northrich Park Update and a Dog Park presentation.
 - Member Jeremy Thomason reported that the chain link fence at Point North Park needs repair ASAP.
 - Member Amit Vaghela made a suggestion to let the citizens decide on the name of the new dog park at the Wildflower! Art & Music Festival.

Being no further business, on a motion by Amit Vaghela, seconded by Pam Krause, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Keath, City of Richardson Parks & Recreation Department

Minutes approved at April 8, 2014, regula	ar meeting:	