



MINUTES

**CITIZEN BOND COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION SUB COMMITTEE**

**COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
14050 FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS 75234**

**MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016
6:30 PM**

Members Present: David Merritt, Michelle Holmes, Michael Driskill, Rodger Cramer, John Jakob,

Members Absent: Nic Rady, Jorge Gonzalez, Linda Bertl

Resignation: Colin Eddy

Staff Present: Mitzi Davis, Meredith Dowdy

I. CALL TO ORDER

David Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2016 AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Roger Cramer moved to adopt meeting minutes; Second by Michael Driskell. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSS PROJECT EVALUATION BENCHMARKS

Project benchmarks were noted and discussed and seem to be similar to the ones presented at the overall Bond Committee meeting last Thursday.

The subcommittee agreed that creating a matrix where these bond ideas could be tallied would help in selection and evaluation. It was noted that other sub-committees are developing their own matrix and that these should be reviewed to see if any of categories within these are applicable to Parks and Recreation. The subcommittee agreed to narrow down the projects. Next steps are to put the information in an excel spreadsheet. Due date is September 15. Below are categories discussed:

Name

Description

Source (if questions arise)

Vision for full implementation

Prior work done on this item

Soft and hard cost

Constraints / Legal Issues

Social impacts

Value

Who benefits / Overall benefit

Longevity

Diversity

Overlap with other Bond Sub-Committee Initiatives should be capitalized upon to provide multiple benefits to the community. Overlap with the following were discussed Public Works (infrastructure and street signs), Planning & Zoning (new development primarily Westside and Eastside), Economic Development (encouraging business development), Arts (potential placement of Art and Art venues) and Public Safety (emergency call boxes).

Public relations should be integral in our effort to get feedback from our neighbors and include their ideas. Bond ideas should be more than needs but large ideas that differentiate the city; we should not limit discussion of any new ideas brought to the table.

IV. DISCUSS CITYWIDE TRAIL MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND COST

David motioned to pause on IV and move to X. Motion second by Roger.

Discussed potential trail connection with Addison near Midway Road. Parks staff will initiate a proclamation to

recognize May as National Bicycle month. Consider DART options with trail connection along the Veloweb and possible bike share programs.

Focus on full implementation of the Trail Plan from East to West and North to South to include restriping for sharrows and placement of signage, wide sidewalks 6'-8' and recreational trails 10'12'. Coordinate with Public Works on overlapping projects to reduce the initial cost. Committee members proposed \$5m as a starting figure to implement the short term priorities in the Central Zone to focus on the benefits of trails as it relates to home values and health.

David will reach out to Public Works regarding street improvements that could help with implementation of the Plan.

DISCUSS FARMERS MARKET IMPLEMENTATION AND COST

Discussed the Grove @ Mustang Crossing. Meredith will present figures with details at the next meeting.

- V. DISCUSS PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES**
City/County/Federal. Nothing more except trails.
- VI. DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS THAT MAY BENEFIT PARKS AND RECREATION**
The committee discussed the appropriate size of a dog park. Is 2-3 acres large enough? Confirm location and acres required.
Lighting for Rawhide Trail and cost.
Fire Station - Fitness Trail and cost
Rose Garden
Wedding Venue
Visitors Center/Education Center
- VII. CONSIDER PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**
Message focused on a component. Consider two (2) Town Hall forums in June to listen to ideas and gather feedback. Check with Planning Dept. on a possible survey tool to gauge immediate feedback.
- VIII. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CURRENT PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION**
None
- IX. DISCUSS POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**
Street Soccer - Frisbee Golf - Bike Rental are too narrow of a focus for consideration. Those ideas should fall under programs. Cooks Creek Greenbelt - collaborate between Trails and Economic Development. Return to item IV for discussion.
- X. CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
Nature Preserve - The consulting firm Dunaway Associates has created a wish list. Roger and David will send a memo to Charles in Parks requesting information.
- XI. ADJOURN**
Motion to adjourn made by David Merritt. Second by Michelle Holmes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Chair

Attest:


Secretary

In the absence of Jorge Gonzalez