

**Minutes of  
A Regular Meeting of the  
City of Dalworthington Gardens  
Park Board**

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

A regular meeting of the Park Board was held at 7:30PM at City Hall. The following items were considered, discussed and acted upon as appropriate.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kathy Price, Chair  
Jeannine Calhoon  
Cathy Stein  
Larry Galbiati

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Stacy Tedder

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Chris Diaz  
Debra Howell

**Call to Order- Kathy Price called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.**

**I. Citizen Comments**

Chris Diaz (Eagle Scout candidate) gave an update on his grill project and provided pictures showing the progress made.

**II. Board Comments**

Kathy Price reported:

1. Montessori School 6<sup>th</sup> grade students of Mrs. Hryekewicz's class presented a short program on World Water Monitoring Day at the October council meeting. (handout included in October park board packet)
2. Pet waste bags are on order and trash has been piling up in park.
3. Council awarded gas drilling bid to XTO Energy – a town hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM, at Key Elementary.

**III. Organizational Matters**

1. Approve 9/25/07 Minutes – Cathy Stein made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeannine Calhoon seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.
2. Financial reports – September 30, 2007 – Year-end review of line items for park improvements and Gardens Gathering.

**IV. Old Business**

1. Recreational Trail / Grant Project

The board reviewed the project and expressed concerns about vehicles using the existing culvert east of the parking area off California to drive into the park. Jeannine Calhoon will e-mail city staff to relay concerns. Dick confirmed with staff that the drive through area along Roosevelt is a 25 foot weight-bearing section of 6 inch concrete as planned. The concrete poured in the gap between the sidewalk and the existing pad is not ADA compliant; alternate ramp will need to be built. Cathy Stein reported via e-mail that the center line of the six foot loop gave a distance of 3803 feet or .72 miles when measured with her wheel. The board decided to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completed trail on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Jeannine Calhoon will e-mail Krysten to ask for press coverage from the Star-Telegram and send invitations to the park donors, Texas Parks and Wildlife, DWG mayor and council members.

2. Committee Reports & Recommendations

- a. Donations – Citizen donors were thanked in the Park Board news article in the October city newsletter. The Coates memorial bench is in; Krysten will coordinate with the family. Green's Produce donated plants to the park and will be thanked in the next newsletter.
- b. Scouts – Doug Booth completed the smartscape bed.

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Jonathan Yoon presented a project for a 16'x24' picnic deck at duck feeding area. Jeannine Calhoon made a motion to approve recommendation of the project in an amount not to exceed \$1750.00. Cathy Stein seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion carried. Kathy Price reported that the city's website had been updated with the revised project list for scout and community service projects. Kathy will also check with Krysten to be sure that the updated list is put in the binder at city hall and outdated lists are trashed.

c. GGSC – Cathy Stein gave a final report stating that the event was well attended, the 3 tents used for the presentation area were purchased by the city and donations covered most of the expenses. Cathy also stated that the committee for the 2008 event would need to be formed in January and that this committee would review all of the surveys completed for the 07 event.

3. Master Plan project status / priorities – Cathy Stein made a motion to remove this item from being tabled. Larry Galbiati seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion carried. A discussion was held regarding the park improvements budget and plans for future projects:
- Handrail /fence at pond/Elkins – Jeannine Calhoon has spoken with Susan Whisman regarding an estimate.
  - Aeration & pump – Staff has expressed concerns about pond becoming stagnant – Cathy Stein will gather information (Dick Perkins mentioned a solar pump to staff).
  - Ball field backstop – Balls are lost in expanded pond area – Kathy Price will get estimate.
  - Trees / landscaping – Plants and trees were donated by Green's Produce. Staff will be placing a tree order with Texas Tree Foundation. Cathy Stein will coordinate both.
  - Natural trails – Board discussed comments by citizens regarding existing chat trails. Since board has decided to use decomposed granite for improvements to these existing trails they will now be called "natural" trails. Kathy Price expressed her desire to improve the borders to the natural trails by using concrete borders.
  - Conservation / water lilies – Board discussed ideas for improving the pond / lake using vegetation as recommended by Texas Parks & Wildlife and Larry Galbiati's experiences. Kathy Price reported: Lester Jackson, president, Ft. Worth Fly Fishers mentioned that this organization participates in conservation efforts & may be interested in helping with our lake.
  - Pond erosion – The board discussed the tiered plan for the pond's edge and the estimate that had previously been provided for rip wrap. The board decided that the definition of this project would involve the city engineer's fees for consultation and planning and this area would be left "as is" for the time being.

**V. New Business**

1. Consider recommendation to council to call meeting of PRFDC board to amend PRFDC budget (increase park improvement line item: \$32K for 06-07 + \$40K for 07-08) – Cathy Stein made a motion to make a recommendation to the city council. Jeannine Calhoon seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion carried.
2. Consider recommendation to council to allocate funds from gas drilling bonus to park improvements – Jeannine Calhoon made a motion to make a recommendation to council to allocate 33% of the funds gained from gas drilling bonus and royalties to park improvements. Larry Galbiati seconded the motion. All voted in favor – motion carried.

**VI. Final Comments**

1. Future agenda items
2. Next special meeting: Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 - Ribbon cutting ceremony  
Next regular meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 2007, 7:30PM

**VII. Adjourn**

Cathy Stein made a motion to adjourn, Jeannine Calhoon seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.