



Lavon Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2014

I. CHAIRMAN BODWELL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Jenny Bodwell
Board Member Seat 1, Mike Gulino
Board Member Seat 2, Jason Bunting
Board Member Seat 3, Grant Winans
Board Member Seat 5, Kathryn Owens

Members Absent: Board Member Seat 4, Bradley Tiegs

City Staff Present: Public Works Director, Terry McCalpin

Other Commission or
Board Members Present: None

Visitors: None

There was a quorum present.

II. CHAIRMAN BODWELL LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. BOARD MEMBER BUNTING GAVE THE INVOCATION.

III. ITEMS OF INTEREST / BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Board Member Owens mentioned the upcoming Music Festival, Saturday, September 20th at City Hall. Also, mentioned fliers on the board outside the meeting room.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Meeting (Owens)*

Motion: Board Member Owens moved to accept the Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Meeting as is.

Second: Board Member Gulino

In Favor: Board Member Gulino, Bunting, Winans and Owens

Opposed: None

Motion: Carries

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Board to Discuss Future Parks Comprehensive Plan (Bodwell)

Chairman Bodwell stated that we decided on organizing and coming up with a detailed comprehensive plan of possible future parks projects. Coming up with a list of amenities, cost estimates, location, is what we'll work on this year.

B. Board to Discuss a focus groups for research of individual neighborhood parks.

Chairman Bodwell also stated that with Member Owens help, she developed a proposal with some focus groups of the different areas and ideas. Chairman Bodwell asked Member Owens to discuss some changes she had discovered. Member Owens mentioned that one of



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the areas they had been looking at were already owned and were preparing for development. Public Works Director McCalpin confirmed this information and elaborated on the other locations included in this development. Chairman Bodwell took a moment to review the development maps that Member Owens had provided and went on to say that these proposed focus groups are just a starting point. Chairman Bodwell stated that even if the items are expensive it doesn't mean they aren't doable. She said these are long range plans; just to outline some possibilities for park areas and their amenities. The first one is the Splash Park we came up with different variables; research, comparable cities, equipment, etc. Member Bunting brought up the point that building a Splash Park at a time of severe drought is irresponsible, a great concept, but doesn't make sense during a time of conservation. Public Works Director McCalpin stated that demographics should play a good role in deciding what we look at developing and went on to describe the type of families in the Lavon Area and the type of amenities they would be interested in, including peewee football/soccer/baseball fields and possibly an indoor soccer facility. He also brought up the Sports Complex and not having any definite details on it at this point. Chairman Bodwell stated that she had more on the Sports Complex to discuss later and addressed Member Bunting's concerns about the Splash Park. She agreed with his thoughts of it being irresponsible at this time, but also stated that this could be as far out as 10 years. Chairman Bodwell went back to the items on the proposed focus groups and reviewing the maps as to the locations. Member Owens mentioned that it was suggested to her by a citizen that one large Community Park would help in unifying the community instead of breaking it down into neighborhood parks. Chairman Bodwell discussed the other locations; the 5 acres across from the PD and putting the Dog Park there. Member Winans suggested that the dog park might be safer down on the flood plain area on the flood plain. Chairman Bodwell and other members began to discuss the amenities mentioned and the different areas that would be best for each of the locations. Member Winans and Member Gulino were discussing which areas would be best for amenities that need water. Member Owens suggested a temporary Gazebo for the 5 acres. Chairman Bodwell said we'd need to vote for which items went where at another meeting. PW Director McCalpin brought up the Water Waste Management and stated that there are rules for dog parks and how to dispose of waste. Chairman Bodwell stated it would be good to find out the cost to bring water to the different locations. She then moved on to discuss the pond area and flood plains and the different variables of putting in amenities at those locations. Member Gulino questioned if it would be possible to reroute the water to the pond, since it is standing empty. PW Director McCalpin stated the aridness of the pond is the problem and that they need to put clay in the bottom to help it maintain water. He also stated we will need to contact TCEQ about rerouting water. Chairman Bodwell asked for any additional feedback on the pond. Member Winans stated he thinks it would be great for the community if the city can afford to fix it up. Member Owens stated that her concern with developing the pond and the flood plain areas while good for the Bear Creek community might draw traffic to the area and a need for more parking. Member Bunting says he doesn't think it will be a problem for the amenities we're putting there, if we were looking at putting soccer fields or something of that sort then it might become a problem. PW Director McCalpin stated that the Mayor had instructed him to put some goal posts down on the flood area. Member Bunting mentioned the dangers of having kids kicking soccer balls so close to the creek. PW Director McCalpin mentioned putting a fence around the creek, but needing the mayor's approval first. Chairman Bodwell moved on to the Arboretum Garden to bring in another demographic. She also stated this would hopefully bring in the community as in a Garden Club. Chairman Bodwell then moved on the last focus group for Bentley Farms, stating that she is regularly



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asked when the city will develop a park for their neighborhood. Member Winans mentioned that a small park and pool might be less maintenance than a splash pad. Chairman Bodwell agreed this deserved looking into and asked for overall opinions of the plan. Chairman Bodwell mentioned that 17 acres had been approved for a Sports Complex. The board will hire an architect to help plan the land. It will be Pee Wee size. PW Director McCalpin also mentioned that there is also land directly behind City Hall that is available for development. Chairman Bodwell mentioned that yes we need to utilize this. Member Bunting mentioned running a survey for the city to see what the citizens would be interested in most. All members agreed this would be a great idea to set up and get out to the community. Chairman Bodwell stated we should set up a 30-day survey and put it in the trash bill. Chairman Bodwell summed up saying that we can put this plan together, so that future boards have something to work with and build on. Member Bunting stated that if we do the survey we need to give it an end date and set when the survey will begin and end then put a reminder in the trash bill. Chairman Bodwell stated let's get started on the survey and the research.

VII. BOARD TO SET FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

Chairman Bodwell asked to discuss location possibilities for the activities mentioned at meeting tonight. She would like for Board Members to decide on several small parks in designated areas of Lavon, or one large park with all activities in one centralized location.

IX. PRESIDING OFFICER TO ADJOURN PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Chairman Bodwell adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Duly passed and approved on this 3rd day of Nov, 2014.

Attest:

Chris Wess
Chris Wess, City Secretary

Jason Bunting
~~Jenny Bodwell, Chairman~~
Jason Bunting, Vice Chairman