

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Planning Board
Called Session
November 8, 2011

Members Present

Kayci Prince, Chair
Son Giep
David Loughridge
Joni Strobel-McLean
Pam Weaver
Chris White

Staff Present

Amy Fortenberry
Jim Fox
Robin Reeves

Members Absent

Beth Webb

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kayci Prince at 6:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Consideration of Minutes from the October 4, 2011 Parks and Recreation Planning Board Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting was made by Chris White, seconded by Joni Strobel-McLean, and approved 6-0.

2. Discussion of the Parks and Recreation Planning Board Meeting Schedule

Kayci Prince pointed out the correct dates for the 2012 planning board meetings. Chris White requested the September meeting be permanently changed to August; the board agreed to that change.

3. Discussion and Recommendation on the Chase Oak Trail Connection

Robin Reeves, Chief Park Planner, provided an analysis of the City of Plano's Comprehensive Bike Plan that has been in place since 1985 as well as historical data regarding the easement the City of Plano acquired prior to the development of Chase Oak Golf Course and the surrounding neighborhoods. Robin presented the six options that the Department considered. The Department is recommending that the trail through Chase Oaks Golf Course not be constructed at this time and that bicyclists and pedestrians use the existing residential street and sidewalks. Signage will be installed and pavement markings would be added. Staff also recommends that the

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easement be maintained to construct a trail in the future if surrounding conditions change. Also, staff recommends widening the sidewalk by two feet when it is replaced sometime in the future.

Several speakers from the affected neighborhood and members from the bicycle community provided the Board their thoughts on the proposed options. After hearing opinions from speakers the consensus was to support the Department's option of utilizing existing residential street and sidewalks and keep the option of the golf course easement for the future. Board also agreed that the earthwork and drainage work be completed while the golf course is being renovated. All engineering requirements and safety and signage issues will be addressed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Joni Strobel-McLean, Secretary

Date