

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Planning Board
Work Session
January 4, 2011

1. Parks and Recreation Spotlight: Ethics Training

Paige Mims, City Attorney, provided ethics training which is required for all City of Plano Board Members. She also provided each member with the City of Plano Public Official Guide booklet.

2. Special Recognition – Pat Amos

Jim Fox, Park Services Manager introduced former Park Board Chairperson, Pat Amos. Mr. Amos was instrumental in facilitating the recent purchase of the Hall tract. Amy Fortenberry, Director of Parks and Recreation presented Mr. Amos with a memento of appreciation.

3. Staff and Board Reports

a. Park Improvement Projects

Robin Reeves, Chief Park Planner, reported that the construction at Pecan Hollow Golf Course is going well and the course should be finished on schedule. The interior of Carpenter Park Recreation Center has been gutted and should be finished in late spring or early summer. Plans for the Aquatic Center renovation are in progress. The facility is 35 years old and it has been determined that it will be just as cost effective to replace the pool as opposed to renovation.

b. Special Events

Colette Hall, Recreation Services Manager, reported that the Oak Point Center indoor pool was replastered over the holidays. The hand rails in the leisure pool at the Tom Muehlenbeck Center are being replaced. Colette also reported that the Plano community is being invited to participate in a series of focus groups to gather information to help guide programming and services at our centers.

Colette also reviewed our upcoming events to include several Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration activities, the Daddy/Daughter Dance and Very Special Arts Festival being held at Plano Centre, and a concert at the Courtyard Theatre featuring Justin Cash with Cas Haley.

c. Budget Update

Amy Fortenberry reported that the Department is beginning Community Investment Planning for the next fiscal year. The City officially has a hiring freeze in effect and the Department is slowing down hiring and utilizing the options of freezing and restructuring organizations. The City is looking at a deficit of approximately \$10 million in the General Fund. The Core Business Matrix will be used to identify programs tied to the City's goals.

d. Items for Future Agendas

There were no items for future agendas.

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Members Present

Kayci Prince, Chair
Son Giep
Paul Jasina
David Loughridge
Joni Strobel-McLean
Beth Webb
Chris White

Staff Present

Amy Fortenberry
Jim Fox
Robin Reeves
Colette Hall

Guests Present

Pat Amos
George Ostrander, PYSA
Chip Kruger, PYSA
Dale Stageberg, PYSA

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kayci Prince at 7:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Consideration of Minutes from the November 2, 2010 Parks and Recreation Planning Board Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2010 meeting was made by Paul Jasina, seconded by Son Giep, and approved 5-0 with 2 members abstaining.

2. Election of Parks and Recreation Planning Board Vice-Chair and Secretary

Amy Fortenberry, Director of Parks and Recreation explained the duties of Vice-Chair and Secretary. A motion to elect Paul Jasina as Vice-Chair was made by David Loughridge, seconded by Beth Webb, and approved 7-0. A motion to elect Joni Strobel-McLean as Secretary was made by Paul Jasina, seconded by David Loughridge, and approved 7-0.

3. Presentation of Proposed Youth Soccer Support Center at Russell Creek Park

Ed Voss, Athletic Superintendent, introduced Chip Kruger who is a former board member and current volunteer with the Plano Youth Soccer Association (PYSA). Mr. Kruger provided an overview of the multi-use facility and support center that PYSA is proposing be built on the northwest quadrant at Russell Creek Park. The support center will be an 11,000 square

foot building and will include a conference center, public restrooms, concession area, administrative area as well as cart storage and a drive-thru maintenance shop. The center would be used to train coaches and referees and would be available on a non-interference basis for other groups. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with discussions with the City Council.

- 4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Revisions to Chapter 15, Article III (Athletic Activities) of the City's Code of Ordinances**
Ed Voss, Athletic Superintendent, provided an overview of the proposed changes to the City Athletic Ordinance which governs the scheduling and use of the City's outdoor sports fields. Staff met with local sports organizations to discuss needed changes. The three major changes were dates of sports seasons, defining the City's requirements for tournaments and meets, and user fees. After discussion, Board members recommended 7-0 to approve the changes.
- 5. Discussion Regarding Park Master Plan Neighborhood Park Site**
Robin Reeves, Chief Park Planner, reviewed a portion of the Park Master Plan and identified a site that is currently on the plan but since the recent acquisition of the Hall tract, staff recommends the deletion of the proposed neighborhood park located less than one mile from the newly acquired land. After lengthy discussion, the Board recommended 7-0 to approve removing the proposed neighborhood park from the Park Master Plan.
- 6. Discussion of Park Master Plan**
Robin Reeves, Chief Park Planner, shared a copy of the documents used at two public meetings held November 9 and 16 in order to obtain community input. Also included were the results of those meetings. The meetings were mostly attended by developers. The meetings attracted 78 attendees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Joni Strobel-McLean, Secretary

Date