

**Minutes**  
**Parks and Recreation Planning Board**  
**Work Session**  
**January 8, 2008**

**1. Parks and Recreation Spotlight: Senior Services**

Dell Kaplan, Recreation Supervisor, presented an overview of the programs and services offered at the Plano Senior Recreation Center. In November 2007, the Senior Center received national accreditation by the National Institute of Senior Centers, which is a member group of the National Council on the Aging. The Senior Center is the first to receive this recognition in Collin County.

The most popular services and programs include a fitness room which is equipped with treadmills, stationary bicycles and weights; a billiards room with two pool tables; a gift shop where art work and crafts made by senior patrons are sold; and a snack bar, which is run by volunteers. A wide variety of fitness classes are offered as well as computer classes, which are very popular. There are several social activities such as bridge, bingo and Mah Jongg as well as ballroom dances. The Senior Center averages 400 participants per day.

**2. Staff and Board Reports**

**a. Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve**

Robin Reeves, Chief Park Planner, reported that the construction contract will be awarded in February.

**b. Winter Recreation Programs**

Dana Conklin, Marketing and Special Events Manager, reported that there were 5,741 registrations for winter program courses on the first day of registration. Of those registrations, 63% were self-service. Participation numbers were up 39%; revenue was up 47% from 2007.

**c. Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration**

Dana reported that various activities, such as a parade, leadership breakfast, luncheon and tribute event, were planned in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**d. Very Special Arts Festival**

Dana reported that the Very Special Arts Festival will celebrate their 24<sup>th</sup> year. The free event is scheduled for January 27 at the Plano Centre. The event is for 3 to 12 year olds and special needs students.

**e. Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance**

Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance will be held on February 2 at Plano Centre. An optional dinner will precede the dance.

**f. PSA Enfield Park Facility**

Jim Fox, Park Services Manager, reported a new 7,500 square foot facility is being built by Plano Sports Authority at Enfield Park. He distributed an artist's rendering of the building. It will include space for basketball and volleyball as well as concession and administrative areas.

**g. Items for Future Agendas**

Bill Neukranz requested an update on Memorial Park be added to the February agenda.

**h. Board Member Reports**

There were no Board member reports.

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**Members Present**

Nathan Barbera  
Megan Greene  
Ben Harris  
Bill Neukranz  
Susan Plonka

**Staff Present**

Don Wendell  
Jim Fox  
Dana Conklin  
Robin Reeves  
John Gilliam  
Susan Berger

**Absent**

Mary Long  
Paul Jasina

The meeting was called to order by Susan Plonka at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Consideration of Minutes from the December 4, 2007 Parks and Recreation Planning Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2007 meeting was made by Ben Harris, seconded by Megan Greene, and approved 5-0.

**2. Review of the Cellular Equipment Master Plan**

Jim Fox, Park Services Manager, reported that the Parks and Recreation staff has been working with Mark Israelson, Customer and Utility Services Director, to create a draft master plan for future installations of cellular equipment. Jim presented the draft plan to the Board. After discussion, the Board wanted clarification on the language to be used. If the proposed requests are to by-pass the Board, then the language used should specifically state the exact location of the equipment. The Board will review the plan annually. The plan will be presented to the Board at the February meeting for final review and approval.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Mary Long, Secretary

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Date