

**Minutes**  
**Parks and Recreation Planning Board**  
**Work Session**  
**January 9, 2007**

**1. Parks and Recreation Spotlight: Parks & Recreation Accreditation**

Dana Conklin, Marketing and Special Events Manager, gave a presentation on the accreditation process administered by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. The City of Plano is the only accredited parks and recreation department in the state of Texas; and is one of the first eight in the nation. Our reaccreditation is scheduled in 2009.

**2. Staff and Board Reports**

**a. Park Development Projects**

Robin Reeves, Chief Park Planner, reported that:

- (1) The Tom Muehlenbeck Center is proceeding on schedule and the project is going well.
- (2) Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve is currently in the design phase.
- (3) Archgate Park is on schedule.

**b. Pecan Hollow Golf Course Audubon Certification**

Amy Fortenberry, Recreation Services Manager, reported the Pecan Hollow Golf Course has received certification in environmental planning from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System. The course will be involved in projects that enhance the habitat for wildlife for the benefit of the community.

**c. Winter Recreation Program**

Amy Fortenberry reported that winter registration was up 21 percent in revenues, 22 percent in registration numbers, and 8 percent in adult classes.

**d. Special Events**

Dana Conklin reported that:

- (1) Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance will be held February 3 at Plano Centre. The optional dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the dance beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- (2) Very Special Arts Festival will be held on January 28 at Plano Centre. The event is for 3 to 12 year olds and special needs students.

**e. Arbor Hills Nature Preserve Interpretive Trail**

Robin Reeves reported that REI contributed \$10,000 to the Plano Parks Foundation for an interpretative trail at Arbor Hills Nature Preserve. Markers indicating specific points of interest are placed throughout the park. An interpretive trail map is available at the Plano REI store and can be downloaded from the Parks and Recreation Web site.

**f. Items for Future Agendas**

There were no items for future agendas

**g. Board Member Reports**

There were no Board member reports.

**3. Other Items**

Karen Bellessa, Parks and Recreation Planning Board Chairperson, presented Linda Benoit with a retirement gift from the Board for her 24 years of outstanding service.

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**Members Present**

Karen Bellessa  
Nathan Barbera  
Ben Harris  
Mary Long  
Bill Neukranz  
Susan Plonka  
Alan Vuckovich

**Others Present**

Councilmember Lee Dunlap  
Danny Muzyka  
Pat Amos  
Elta Chandler  
Rob Harrington  
Jim Edwards  
Jerry Yancy  
Phil Harris  
Alma Carter  
Jim Edwards

**Staff Present**

Don Wendell  
Jim Fox  
Amy Fortenberry  
Robin Reeves  
Dana Conklin  
Linda Benoit  
Susan Berger  
John Gilliam

Al Dougal  
Jim Norton  
Craig Jacobs  
Doug Jacobs  
Linda Doyle  
Vicki and Gene Verinder  
Lee Robeson  
Randy Konkell  
Guy Wormald

**1. Consideration of Minutes from the December 5, 2006 Parks and Recreation Planning Board Meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2006 meeting was made by Ben Harris, seconded by Mary Long, and approved 7-0.

**Consideration of Agenda Items 2 through 4**

A motion to remove items 2 through 4 from the table was made by Ben Harris, seconded by Susan Plonka, and approved 7-0.

**Public Comments**

Karen Bellessa, Parks and Recreation Planning Board Chairperson, opened the floor to all speakers.

Pat Atmos, representing Friends of the Moore Family and former Park Board Chair, expressed his desire for the Board to support honoring the memory of the Moore family and Dexter Prince. Others voicing that wish were Rob Harrington, Jim Edwards, Jerry Yancy, Phil Harris, Alma Carter, Al Dougal, Elta Chandler and Danny Muzyka.

Craig Jacobs, representing the Village Creek Neighborhood Association adjacent to Shawnee Park was accompanied by Linda Doyle, Vicki and Gene Verinder, and Doug Jacobs. The Neighborhood Association canvassed the residents with a questionnaire regarding renaming Shawnee Park and 40 signatures were obtained. All 40 individuals do not want the park renamed. They agree that the Moore family should be honored, but they think an alternative would be to rename a lake, street, or pavilion.

Guy Wormald, former Board Chair, stated that the City is in the process of revitalizing Memorial Park and that could be a venue to recognize these people.

Lee Robeson, representing a homeowner's association east of Bob Woodruff said that people living near the parks should have a say in the naming of the parks.

Vicki Verinder stated that the "history" of the neighborhood is Shawnee Park and that the name should not be changed.

Randy Konkel from Timberbrook Estates is in support of renaming Shawnee Park to Moore Park and renaming the lake to Shawnee Lake. He added that naming of Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve was well thought out by the City.

Following the presentations and comments, each Board member was given an opportunity to express their thoughts on the naming opportunities and to ask questions.

Mary Long asked for locations of the two unnamed park sites. Jim Fox identified the Chaparral Road site and the greenbelt area south of the Pecan Hollow Golf Course.

Alan Vuckovich said he was in favor of renaming the lake and pecan grove but not in favor of renaming Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve. He is leaning in favor of renaming Shawnee Park to Moore Park but felt the Board should take into consideration the unnamed parks.

Ben Harris said the Board should consider the Chaparral site as the Moore Park name. He stated he was in favor of naming the lake and pecan grove.

Susan Plonka said she was in favor of the original proposals.

Bill Neukranz stated he was in favor of renaming Shawnee Park to Moore Park and to name the lake within Shawnee Park to Shawnee Lake. He added that citizen input is important. He further stated that he did not support any change to Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve name.

Nathan Barbera suggested changing Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve to Oak Point Park and Moore Nature Preserve.

Karen Bellessa thanked those in attendance for the comments.

**2. Consideration of Naming the Lake Near the Southeast Corner of Los Rios Boulevard and Jupiter Road in Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve the "William Lee Moore Lake"**

A motion for naming the lake near the southeast corner of Los Rios Boulevard and Jupiter Road in Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve the "William Lee Moore Lake" was made by Mary Long, seconded by Alan Vuckovich, and approved 4-3 with Karen Bellessa, Nathan Barbera and Bill Neukranz opposing.

**3. Consideration of Naming the Pecan Grove at the Northeast Corner of Spring Creek Parkway and Parker Road in Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve the “Dexter Prince Pecan Grove”**

A motion for naming the pecan grove at the northeast corner of Spring Creek Parkway and Parker Road in Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve the “Dexter Prince Pecan Grove” was made by Mary Long, seconded by Ben Harris, and unanimously approved.

**4. Consideration of Changing the Name of Shawnee Park to the “Margaret Keetron Moore Park”**

A motion for changing the name of Shawnee Park to the “Margaret Keetron Moore Park” was made by Susan Plonka, seconded by Alan Vuckovich, and approved 4-3 with Karen Bellessa, Nathan Barbera and Ben Harris opposing.

**5. Consideration of Changing the Name of Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve to “Moore Park” or, in the Alternative, Naming some Structure or Portion of Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve in Recognition of the Contributions of the Moore Family to the City of Plano.”**

There was not a motion to take any action on item 5. Item died due to lack of motion.

**6. Selection of Parks and Recreation Planning Board Liaison to the Plano Parks Foundation**

Karen Bellessa reported she contacted the President of the Plano Parks Foundation to discuss conflicting work schedules and the inability for a Board member to attend their meetings. The President of the Plano Parks Foundation said they would periodically attend a Board meeting to share information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Mary Long, Secretary

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Date