

**Minutes**  
**Parks and Recreation Planning Board**  
**Work Session**  
**September 5, 2006**

**1. Parks and Recreation Spotlight: Effect of Drought on Park Trees and Other Plants**

Renee Burke, Urban Forester presented a slide presentation on the effects the current drought is having on the City's tree inventory and other plants. She also reviewed the drought timeline and the immediate and long term effects of drought conditions. Renee reported that to date, the City's tree loss is at approximately 300 trees. After answering questions from Board members, Jim Fox reported that the trees will be replaced over a period of time once the drought has ended.

**Staff and Board Reports**

**a. Community Investment Program**

Robin Reeves reviewed the FY 2006-07 Capital Investment Program. Highlights of the CIP include construction of seven unlighted fields at Archgate Park; various athletic field improvements, design of the Carpenter Park Recreation Center expansion, the construction of a veterans memorial at Memorial Park, construction at Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve, the replacement of greens and the cart barn at Pecan Hollow Golf course, the construction of the Tom Muehlenbeck Center, and various trail connections.

**b. Park Development Programs**

Robin Reeves reported that:

- (1) The Tom Muehlenbeck Center is proceeding on schedule with walls beginning to appear as well as excavation for the outdoor pool.
- (2) Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve will be bid early next year. The Public Art Committee has selected an artist for an art piece to be placed in the visitor's center.
- (3) Memorial Park's construction and Veteran's Memorial project will be bid in spring or summer 2007.
- (4) Archgate Park construction of seven unlighted ball fields is scheduled to begin in September.
- (5) Big Lake Park has been drained and silt removal is in progress.

**c. Plano Balloon Festival**

Dana Conklin reported that this year's Plano Balloon Festival will be held at Oak Point Park from Friday through Sunday, September 22-24. She reviewed the coverage of the event in the August *Plano Profile*.

**d. K-9 Kerplunk**

Amy Fortenberry reviewed this year's K-9 Kerplunk event which will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Oak Point Center's outdoor pool. She reported that the event is fun for all ages and the cost is \$2 per dog.

**e. NRPA Congress**

Don Wendell reported that during October, several staff members will be at the NRPA Congress. He asked that if Board members have any of the NRPA sessions were of interest to Board members, staff would be happy to attend the sessions and provide the requested information back to the Board members.

**f. Items for Future Agendas**

Karen Bellessa requested that information be provided on the impact on athletic uses as a result of the drought. She also requested that staff look at moving the annual park tour to early spring or fall when the weather is not so hot.

**h. Board Member Reports**

Bill Neukranz reported that the Parks Foundation had a very productive meeting which included the planning for the 2007 Wildflower Run. Bill also reviewed the request from staff for Foundation support in hiring a part-time person to help with tree inventory, the approval of an expenditure for the tree plantings of a Boy Scout troop, and the pros and cons of selling or giving away trees at this year's Arbor Day Ceremony.

**Minutes**  
**Parks and Recreation Planning Board**  
**Regular Session**  
**September 5, 2006**

**Members Present**

Karen Bellessa  
Nathan Barbera  
Francis Ngoh  
Mary Long  
Bill Neukranz  
Alan Vuckovich

**Staff Present**

Don Wendell  
Jim Fox  
Dana Conklin  
Amy Fortenberry  
Linda Benoit  
Renee Burke

**Members Absent**

Susan Plonka

**Others Present**

Councilmember Loretta Elerbee  
Councilmember Lee Dunlap

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2006 meeting was made by Nathan Barbera, seconded by Mary Long, and approved 6-0.

**2. Discussion of Park Naming Opportunities**

Don Wendell provided Board members with information regarding the upcoming requests from several former Parks and Recreation Planning Board members to consider the renaming of Shawnee Park and the naming of various areas of Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve after families who have made major contributions to the park system. Don reported that this request will be presented to the Board for consideration at the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

---

Mary Long, Secretary

---

Date