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Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
March 9, 2015
6:30 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Converse Met for a Regular Meeting in the City Council Chambers at 402 South Seguin Street to Discuss the Following Agenda items:

1. Call To Order.
Meeting called to order By Chairman Stubbs at 6:36pm.
2. Opening Ceremonies.
 - A. Invocation. - 1 minute Moment of Silence.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance to The U.S Texas Flag
3. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum & Recognition of Visitors.

Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Leon Stubbs, Chairman
Commissioner Sam Perez Jr., Vice-Chair
Commissioner Anthony Woods, Member
Commissioner Rodger Dennes, Member
Commissioner Alovya Freelon- New member
Commissioner Irvin Hollowell- New Member
Alternate City Council Liaison- Councilwoman Renee Paschall
City Staff Liaison Robert Browning- City Engineer

Members Absent:

Commissioner Tulita Harris, Member
Councilwoman Deborah James
Recording Secretary Vanessa Limones

Visitors Present:

Al Suarez- Mayor
Lanny Lambert- City Manager
Stella Calvillo-EDC Executive Secretary
Alternate Recording Secretary Zenobia West

4. Citizens to be heard: This Time is provided for Citizens to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on any Issues and Concerns. No Parks and Recreation Commission Discussion or Action can be taken if the Item is not on the Agenda. Please Limit Your Remarks to Three (3) Minutes and State Your Name and Address for the Record.
 - A. **Mr. Lambert introduced three programs with grants that include a hike and bike trail system with 80/20 match to be coordinated with SARA while they work on drainage channel from Kitty Hawk to North Park Lake.**
 - B. **50/50 grant program to upgrade baseball fields and older parks.**
 - C. **Dog Park on 7.6 acres from school system on intersection FM 1516 and Lower Seguin Rd.**
 - D. **Mr. Suarez has been notified that VIA will be providing sidewalks on Toepperwein Rd. and announced that the 5 lane expansion of FM 1516 (from FM 78 to FM 1976) has been approved for 2016**
 - E. **The Mayor is also working with County Commissioner to build Substation across Boysville for Sheriff's office**
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted February 9, 2015.

TABLED (February minutes moved to next meeting)
6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to recommend to City Council the Appointment of Leon Stubbs as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Rodger Dennes made motion to approve item #6; Seconded by Sam Perez. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Report on the Old Spanish Trail Initiative.
 - A. **Mr. Dennes showed power point presentation on Old Spanish Trail map.**
8. Discussion on Parks Master Plan Preparation options.
 - A. **Mr. Stubbs spoke with Dr. Rodriguez from Houston about having his graduate students work on Converse Parks Master Plan. The documented proposal should be submitted in a couple days. Texas Parks & Wild Life has funding available also. Need to continue looking for more available bonds and grants.**

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Kayak activities in North Park.
Remove from agenda, until staff brings back with more news.
10. Discussion on City Council's approval to merge the Beautification & Environmental Commission with the Parks & Recreation Commission.
 - A. **Any recommended changes or corrections will go before City Council on March 17, 2015**
 - B. **Mr. Woods made motion to approve merger, Mr. Perez seconded the motion . Motion passed unanimously.**
11. Discussion and Review of Brownfield Study for lakes and parks.
 - A. **Mr. Browning stated there is no additional information, he will check with Mr. Lambert.**
12. Discussion and Appropriate Action to create list for future events.
 - A. **Plan events such as Movies in the Park, walk-a thons**
13. Report from City Engineer/Director of Facilities
 - A. **March 21, 2015 Converse Go Green Day**
 - B. **Possible Nerf war battles at North Park**
 - C. **Budget for planting trees**
 - D. **Commissions come to City Council once every quarter rather than once a month to give updates and renew memberships.**
14. Briefing by City Liaison.
 - A. **Council approved final plats of Autumn Run commercial development for mini- mart/convenient store**
 - B. **Council approved final plat for Mac Arthur Park**
 - C. **Council approved preliminary plat for Cimarron Trail Subdivision**
 - D. **City Council accepted Judson's police department's request to process citations in our Municipal Court. Mutual aid agreement was approved by ACAG and City of Converse.**
 - E. **Library received grant for 2 AWE Literacy tablets.**
15. Remarks by City Chairman Stubbs.
 - A. **Mr. Stubbs states everything has been mentioned above, no additional comments.**

16. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

A. Plan for events

B. Update on grants

C. Final submission to council on codes

17. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

April 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

18. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.