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**Minutes**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**July 13, 2015**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Converse Met for a Regular Meeting in the City Hall Conference Room located at 405 South Seguin Street to Discuss and Act On The Following Agenda items:**

1. Call To Order.  
**Meeting called to order by Sam Perez at 6:33 pm.**
2. Opening Ceremonies.
  - Invocation. - 1 minute Moment of Silence.
  - Pledge of Allegiance to The U.S Flag
3. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum & Recognition of Visitors.

**Members in Attendance:**

**Commissioner Sam Perez Jr. - Vice-Chair**  
**Commissioner Rodger Dennes- Member**  
**Commissioner Alovya Freelon- Member**  
**Commissioner Irvin Hollowell- Member**  
**Commissioner Anthony Woods- Member**

**Councilman Jeff Beehler - City Council Liaison**  
**Robert Browning- City Engineer, City Staff Liaison**  
**Vanessa Limones -Recording Secretary**

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.

**None**

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted June 1, 2015.
  - **Irvin Hollowell made motion to approve item #5; Seconded by Alovya Freelon.**
  - **Motion passed unanimously.**
6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to recommend a vice chairman of a Parks and Recreation Commission.
  - **Anthony Woods nominated Rodger Dennes as Vice Chairman; Seconded by Alovya Freelon.**
  - **Motion passed unanimously.**
7. Discussion of Park Master Plan recommendations with UTSA Institute for Economic Development Representatives.
  - **UTSA Representatives were not present. Robert Browning stated that the Master Plan should be completed by the end of September, early October.**
8. Discussions on summer programs for Judson students.
  - **Alovya Freelon suggested finding volunteers from JISD to help in our Parks with trash pickup, painting or anything else the City may need help with.**
9. Discussion on poured rubber matting for park playgrounds.
  - **Robert Browning explained the benefits of replacing the current mulch with rubber matting which includes less maintenance. Price of rubber matting varies from \$15.00 to \$20.00/square foot.**
10. Discussion and Appropriate Action to create list for future events.
  - **Alovya Freelon made motion for Back to School Bash on 8/22/15 at City Pool from 7pm – 10pm for Elementary students Pre-K to 5th grade; Seconded by Anthony Woods. Motion passed unanimously.**
  - **25 mile bike ride for Veterans in November**
  - **Shade structures for swimming pool**
  - **Chili cook off**
11. Report from City Engineer
  - **Converse Citizens Capital Improvement Committee met to review options for a Bond election in November. They are considering a bond and a bond amount for Street, City Hall, Library, Fire Station and Park Improvements.**

- **Bond for a total of \$70,000 is being considered for Park Improvements. \$50k for projects and \$20k for facility improvements such as new fencing, playground equipment and lighting.**
- **Parks Dept. has \$50k in budget for Facility Improvements. We received bids for the roofs and 50% of budget will be utilized on the roofs for pool bath house, chemical room, ball field #1, ball field #2 and concession area and remaining 50% will be used to make the remaining bathrooms ADA compliant.**

12. Report from City Staff Liaison Jeff Beehler

- **City Council had Presentation from Dr. Craig Follins, President at Northeast Lakeview College thanking Converse for their support.**
- **City Council also had a briefing by City Attorney regarding Texas Opens Meeting Act to make sure everyone is up to date.**
- **City Manager trying to get Pride for the City Program started to award best kept yards in the City.**
- **Codes Committee is requesting the Parks and Recreation Chairman to attend their meeting next Thursday July 23, 2015 at 6pm. Rodger Dennes will be attending.**

13. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- **Back to School Bash at pool**
- **Budget Proposals**
- **UTSA Master Plan Presentation**
- **25 mile bike ride**

14. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

- **August 10, 2015**

15. Adjournment.

- **8:16 pm**