



Minutes
PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
October 11, 2016
6:30 P.M.

1. Call To Order. (Chairman)
Meeting called to order at 6:42 p.m.
2. Opening Ceremonies. (Chairman)
 - a. Moment of silence.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum & Recognition of Visitors. (Chairman)

Members present:

Sam Perez, Vice Chairman
Wenceslao Santiago, Commission Member
Susan Cassidy, Commission Member
Rodger Dennes, Commission Member
Nancy Droneburg, City Council Liaison
John Quintanilla, Director of Community Development -Guest
Stella Calvillo, Grant Administrator- Guest
Vanessa Limones, Recording Secretary
Manny Longoria, Director of Public Works

Excused absences:

Anthony Woods, Commission Member

4. Citizens to be heard: This time is provided for Citizens to address the Parks and Environmental Commission on any issues and concerns under the commission's purview. No Parks and Environmental Commission Discussion or Action can be taken if an item is not on the Agenda. Please state your name and address for the record. Remarks should be limited to three minutes (3 min.).
Vanessa Peniel with New Life Community Church

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action of Consent Agenda. (Chairman)
July 11, 2016 & August 8, 2016 Minutes
Motion to Approve: Susan Cassidy
Second: Mr. Santiago
Motion Passes

6. Discussion and appropriate action on a request to amend Chapter 40 Subdivisions by establishing a new Section, Section 40-310 – Parkland Dedication Requirements. (Director of Community Development-John Quintanilla)
Motion to Approve: Susan Cassidy
Second: Mr. Santiago
Motion Passes

7. Discussion and Acceptance of the Bond Project Implementation Plan. (Manny Longoria)
Motion to Approve: Mr. Santiago
Second: Susan Cassidy
Motion Passes

8. Report on NIOC Event held September 30- October 2, 2016. (Chairman)
Great outcome Friday approximately 4,700 wristbands were sold and Saturday approximately 3,500 wristbands sold.

9. Report from P & E Commission Member Susan Cassidy on the City Park Garden. (Susan Taylor)
Susan is happy to provide some roses and garden stakes for the garden at City Park. The stakes will be used to distinguish the different gardens and help when communicating about the different garden areas.

10. Report from the Public Works Director (Manny Longoria)
 - a. Back to School Bash Event was cancelled due to bad weather but we were invited to join forces with Derika at the Library at their End of Summer Event and backpacks were distributed there. Tickets were given to parents and then we drew from box do give away gift cards. There were approximately 20 backpacks left and those were donated to Boysville.
 - b. Park Supervisor Jorge Longoria is no longer with City of Converse and the new Park Supervisor is Juan Munoz.

11. Report from City Council Liaison. (Councilwoman Nancy Droneburg)
-City has hired 4 new Police Officers and will be hiring 2 more soon with the Cops Grant

- City has 2 new Code Compliance Officers
- Water well at Gibbs Sprawl has been fixed
- Public hearing for tax rate was held and taxes have gone down
- Roads are almost finished
- Meet the Candidates is Oct 20th for Council positions

12. Discussion on any new updates or details for potential future events. (Chairman)

- a. Holiday Lights Competition with EDC will be December 9, 2016 & Lighting of Tree Event
- b. Fishing Event Updates
- c. Update of New Life Community Church Event

13. Agenda items for next meeting.

- a. Vice Chairman needed
- b. Potential dates for Movies in The Park Event
- c. Keep Texas Beautiful/ Tree City USA Membership

14. Set date and time for next meeting.

Meeting: November 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

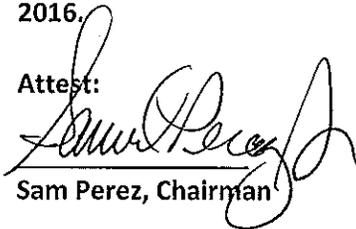
CERTIFICATION

The Parks and Environmental Commission of the City of Converse Met for a Regular Meeting at City Hall Conference Room Located at 405 S. Seguin Road to Discuss and Act on the Following Agenda Items:

CERTIFICATION

Passed and approved by the Parks and Environmental Commission this 12 day of Dec, 2016.

Attest:



Sam Perez, Chairman