

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
January 11, 2010
6:30 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Converse met for a regular meeting in the Municipal Library, located at 601 S. Seguin to discuss the following Agenda items:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chairman Kraemer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 P. M.

2. Roll Call.

Ms. Pam Kraemer, Chairman
Mr. Isadore Vidal, Member
Mr. Rex Brien, Member
Ms. Kathy Selko, Member
Ms. Tulita Harris, Member

Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member
Mr. Chris Bazany, Alternate Member
Councilman John Shadron, Liaison
Ms. Jackie Gaines, Secretary

Mr. Perez is excused for his absence by the Chairman.

3. 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.

Chris Davis with the JYSF Longhorn Football/Cheer program discussed additions to current football/cheer contract:

- A 5 year contract.
- Switch home field from Converse North Park to Converse City Park.
- Switch practice location from Converse North Park to Converse City Park.
- Permission to have a storage container placed in the parking lot of Field #1.

Steve Thomas with the JYSF Baseball/Softball program discussed additions to current baseball/softball contract:

- A 5 year contract
- Allow JYSF the ability to install batting cages at Converse City Park.
- Installation of fountain drink system in the concession stand at Converse City Park fields on ball field #3 and #4.
- Fall baseball and softball program to run from September thru November.

- Donate 50 gifts to the Blue Santa program.

Steve Brown discussed picking up trash in the City and asked for volunteers from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted December 14, 2009.

Mr. Beehler made a motion to approve the Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted December 14, 2009. Ms. Selko seconded the motion. The motion passed with five approving; Kraemer, Selko, Beehler, Vidal, and Brien, and one abstention from Ms. Harris due to not attending the meeting. Alternate Member Chris Bazany was not present for item 4.

5. Presentation of Information for a Master Plan by Mr. Leon Stubbs and Ms. Becky Johnson. (Councilman Shadron)

Ms. Johnson and Mr. Stubbs discussed a broad master plan that included the Old Spanish Trail and passed around handouts. Ms. Johnson asked to give a detailed master plan exclusive for the City of Converse and the Parks and Recreation department at the February meeting.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Details of a Contract with St. Monica's School for the Use of One Softball Field. (Rex Brien)

Mr. Brien discussed the St. Monica's contract which included a schedule of games and practices. Ms. Selko approved the contract with correction of typos. Mr. Vidal seconded the motion. The motion to approve the St. Monica's School contract was approved unanimously. Alternate member Chris Bazany was not present for item #6.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Community Needs Assessment Survey. (Rex Brien)

Mr. Brien presented a community needs assessment survey. The commission agreed to poll ¼ of the Converse residents for this survey. Mr. Brien made a motion to approve the needs assessment survey with a typo to the introduction. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously to approve the survey with corrections and to poll ¼ of the residents. Alternate member Chris Bazany was not present for item #7.

8. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve the Judson Youth Sports Foundation Contracts.

Mr. Brien asked to approve the JYSF football/cheer and the baseball/softball as a 5-year contract and implementing the requests from the JYSF members Chris Davis and Steve Thomas discussed in item #3, Citizens to be Heard.

Ms. Harris said, due to an existing contract with the Converse Cardinals, the JYSF request will interfere and hinder the current Converse Cardinals contract.

* At approximately 7:09 P. M., Alternate Member, Chris Bazany arrived.

Mr. Vidal made a motion to approve the current JYSF Football/Cheer contract as a 5 year contract and to leave the outcome from a joint meeting with representatives for JYSF, Converse Cardinals, City Manager, Chairman of the Parks and Recreations Commission, City Council Liaison, and the Recording Secretary to include the following:

- Switch home field from Converse North Park to Converse City Park.
- Switch practice location from Converse North Park to Converse City Park.
- Permission to have a storage container placed in the parking lot of Field #1.

Ms. Selko seconded the motion. The motion passed with five approving; Kraemer, Selko, Beehler, Vidal, and Harris, and one abstention from Mr. Brien due to being a member of the JYSF organization. Alternate Member Chris Bazany did not vote on item #8 due to not being present for the discussion.

Mr. Beehler made a motion to approve the JYSF Baseball/Softball contract with the following additions:

- A 5 year contract
- Allow JYSF the ability to install batting cages at Converse City Park.
- Installation of fountain drink system in the concession stand at Converse City Park fields on ball field #3 and #4.
- Fall baseball and softball program to run from September thru November.
- Donate gifts to the Blue Santa program.

The motion passed with six in favor; Kraemer, Selko, Beehler, Vidal, Harris, and Bazany. Mr. Brien abstained due to being a member of the JYSF organization.

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Pool Improvement Plan. (Pool Committee)

Mr. Perez prepared pictures and suggestions for the discussion. Council Liaison Shadron discussed options for pool improvements. With the combined suggestions, Ms. Harris made a motion to approve purchasing 10 lounge chairs, 15 hardback chairs, accepted the offer from the City Manager to receive paint and tools to paint and clean the pool area, and will ask for volunteers to from the Fire Department and the Police Department Alumni to help with the project. Mr. Bazany seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to implement the purchase of the pool seating, costing approximately \$1,600 and to accept the painting and cleaning offer.

10. Update of the Cookbooks. (Cookbook Committee)

Councilman Shadron checked out 25 cookbooks to sell. Mr. Bazany will contact Walgreens to set up a selling schedule for the cookbooks.

11. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve an “Adopt a Bench Program”. (Councilman Shadron)

Councilman Shadron discussed various materials for the benches and suggested a durable material. The benches will be on an adoption program which means the city will not have to purchase the benches.

Councilman Shadron requested beginning with a combined amount of 15 benches to be adopted for both parks. The cost of a bench ranges from \$300 to \$500 each. The money donated to the bench program will go directly to the bench. Mr. Vidal made a motion to approve an Adopt a Bench Program and to allow Councilman Shadron to take care of the details. Ms. Selko seconded the motion. The motion to approve an Adopt a Bench program passed unanimously.

12. Discussion of North Park Football Field Location. (Councilman Shadron)

Councilman Shadron briefed the members on the arson of the restrooms at the City Park and how the cost of replacing the facility is not allowing the relocation of the North Park football field to take place at this time. Mr. Beehler made a motion to table the item. Ms. Selko seconded the motion. The Commission agreed to discuss the North Park Football Field at the next meeting.

13. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Councilman Shadron discussed items of interest from the December 16th and the January 5th City Council meeting. Some of the items were: approving a bid proposal for the South Texas Amateur Athletic Union 2010 Sports Festival to be held June 26th through July 11th. City Council recognized Beverley Case for 20 years of service to the City. The CCPAAA recognized John Cyphers for his work with alumni parades. City Council approved a bid proposal for the Schaeffer Road and Rocket Lane project, approved the road and parking lot for North Park, discussed a Council Call schedule for meetings with the citizens and Council Members, and conducted a workshop for the goals and objectives of Town Square.

14. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Presentation of master planning specific to the City Parks by Ms. Becky Johnson and Mr. Leon Stubbs.
- Discussion and appropriate action to approve a contract from Parkour.
- Report from the Cookbook Committee.
- Pool Committee update.
- Discussion to rebuild the City Park restrooms away from the pavilion.

15. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – February 8, 2010.

16. Adjournment.

Chairman Kraemer adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:02 P. M.