

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 8, 2010
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 S. Seguin to discuss the following Agenda items:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Vice-Chairman Sam Perez called the meeting to order at approximately 6:43 P.M.

2. Roll Call.

Mr. Sam Perez, Vice- 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

Vice-Chairman Perez will preside over the meeting. Chairman Kraemer and Mr. Vidal are excused from the meeting. Mr. Bazany will be a voting member for meeting.

3. Citizens to be Heard. This Time is Provided for Citizens to Address 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.

No citizens to be heard.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted January 11, 2010.

Mr. Beehler made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting conducted January 11, 2010. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed with four for, (Selko, Harris, Beehler, and Bazany) and one abstention from Vice-Chair Perez due to not being in attendance of the January 11, 2010 meeting. Mr. Brien was not present at time of vote.

5. Discussion of Concepts that would be Specific to the Parks Master Plan with Mr. Leon Stubbs and Ms. Becky Johnson. (Councilman Shadron)

* Mr. Brien arrived at 6:36 P.M.

Ms. Becky Johnson and Mr. Leon Stubbs presented the Commission with a power point presentation that included the heritage of the Old Spanish Trail and the history of Converse. Mr. Stubbs and Ms. Johnson suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission take a higher profile to accomplish the parks master plan goals of making Converse a more cultural and business based community.

Mr. Alex Saucedo of the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department discussed how the City of San Antonio can work with the City of Converse Parks and Recreation Commission for planning and possibly be a recipient on a San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department bond projected for 2012.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Make Recommendations for a Contract Between Parkour and the City of Converse. (Councilman Shadron)

Mr. Devin Martin and other members of SA Crew brought in a model of the proposed park, detailing the logistics that will provide the style of exercise and training necessary for Parkour.

* Vice-Chair Perez called for a recess at 7:46 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

The Commission reviewed a prior proposed contract and modified it towards the safety and liability issues. Parkour, (dba SA Crew), agreed with the changes the Commission will propose to the City Council.

Mr. Bazany made a motion to approve the changes and verbiage of the contract. Ms. Selko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion of Nominations for the Chairman's Seat for a One Year Appointment Commencing 02/17/2010.

Members nominated Kathy Selko for Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission effective 02/17/2010 for a four-year term. The nomination will go to the City Council for consideration.

8. Discussion to Form a Sub-Committee for Year 2010-2011 Parks and Recreation Commission Budget.

The Commission agreed to hold a budget workshop Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

9. Update of the Judson Youth Sports Foundation Contracts.

The JYSF Baseball/Softball contract was approved by the City Council for a one-year contract with an automatic contract rolling over for the next four years giving the JYSF Baseball/Softball a five year contract.

The JYSF Football/Cheer contract was not approved due to the City Council requesting to wait until the Converse Cardinals contract term ends. The City Council will make a decision on the request from JYSF to switch field locations with the Converse Cardinals at that time.

10. Update of the Pool Improvement Plan. (Pool Committee)

Vice-Chairman Perez inputted his ideas for covered spaces, sunbathing areas, ADA areas, and to enlarge the eatery. The approved Parks and Recreation purchase was made for chairs at the swimming pool.

11. Update of the Cookbooks. (Cookbook Committee)

Mr. Bazany announced the Girl Scouts currently have Walgreens reserved to sell cookies. Mr. Bazany will e-mail Jackie Gaines information to go onto letterhead to submit to Walgreens to reserve a date and time to sell cookbooks.

12. Discussion to Rebuild the City Park Restrooms Away from the Pavilion. (Mr. Bazany)

Mr. Bazany wanted to discuss the possibilities of moving the restroom away from the pavilion at the City Park.

Councilman Shadron replied stating the restrooms did not burn down, therefore it would not be cost effective to relocate the restrooms and hookup sewer since the damage was only to the roof.

The Commission would like to discuss building additional restrooms for the City Park at the budget workshop scheduled March 4, 2010.

Ms. Selko asked to be on the volunteer list to help repaint the restrooms at City Park and to notify the Commission for volunteers.

13. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Councilman Shadron briefed the Commission on items of interest that took place at the past City Council meetings. Below are some of the items discussed:

- EDC Articles and By-laws
- Discussion of rates from the Lions Club beer contract due to bad weather at NIOC 2009.
- Approval of the St. Monica's contract.
- Hold off the Community Needs Assessment Survey for 60 days in order for the Planning Commission to add information if necessary.
- City recognized two employees for their years of service.
- Completion of Ralston Road.
- Discussed the chip and seal program.
- City Auction to be held February 27, 2010.

Mr. Brien said the 60 day postponement of the survey will defeat the Parks and Recreation Commission's purpose of knowing the needs of the citizens in time for budget planning.

14. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Set date of pool cleaning, painting, and renovations.
- Budget workshop results.

- Cookbook book update.
- Results from the City Council on the Parks and Recreation Commission Chair position.

15. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

- March 4, 2010, 6:00 P.M. Budget Workshop.
- March 8, 2010 6:30 P.M. regular Meeting

16. Adjournment.

Vice-Chairman Perez adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.