

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
JUNE 14, 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.**

Chairman Selko called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

**2. Roll Call.**

Ms. Kathy Selko, Chairman  
Mr. Rex Brien, Member  
Ms. Becky Johnson, Member  
Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Secretary

Mr. Sam Perez, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Tulita Harris, Member  
Councilman John Shadron, Liaison

Chairman Selko reported speaking with and excusing Commission Member, Mr. Jeff Beehler, from tonight's meeting due to illness.

Councilman Steve Brown was a recognized visitor.

**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.**

There were no citizens to be heard.

**4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted May 10, 2010.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted May 10, 2010 was made by Ms. Becky Johnson. Seconded by Mr. Rex Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Allowing Mr. Norman Benson Permission to Spray the Ball Fields for Mosquitoes Prior to Games and Practices at City Park.**

A brief discussion took place regarding the proper procedure for requesting spraying for insects on any City property which is to contact Ms. Tracy Campos in the Utility Department. Also mentioned, Mr. Benson was directed to Ms. Campos for assistance.

Motion to table this item was made by Ms. Becky Johnson. Seconded by Vice-Chair Perez. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Discuss Projects for Eagle Scout Achievements.**

Suggestions for projects discussed were an “end of season” pool party, landscaping projects, and signage in the parks. Chairman Selko brought literature regarding the requirements for Eagle Scout projects and reported she would communicate with leaders of the organization for more information.

**7. Discuss Projects for Community Service Workers.**

Chairman Selko reported she would coordinate with the City of Converse Municipal Court to obtain community service workers and requested assistance from all of the Commission members in supervising their work. Projects discussed were graffiti removal, picking up trash in the parks, and removing rocks from and mowing the football field.

**8. Discuss Pool Painting Project Updates.**

Chairman Selko reported the only building left to finish painting is the concession stand and the project should be complete by the end of September.

**9. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Painting the New Bathroom at North Park.**

Chairman Selko reported recommendation of this project in an effort to save the City a considerable amount of money which can be used towards other park projects, for example, the playground relocation and new equipment.

When asked about the status of the new bathroom, Councilman Shadron reported the foundation is now complete but the finished product is still at least a few months out.

Motion to approve painting the new bathroom at North Park was made Ms. Johnson. Seconded by Ms. Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Discuss Parks Survey.**

The findings from the surveys were discussed. Comments included:

- Lack of money is an issue.
- Focus on hiking/nature trails.
- Need better communication. Citizens aren't aware of what the parks have to offer.
- No message on water bill to inform residents to watch for the survey in their mail.
- Survey is a good tool for future master plan/budget plan.

**11. Briefing by Becky Johnson Regarding a Meeting Between the City of Converse and North Hampton/San Antonio Park. (Ivy Taylor's office)**

Ms. Johnson reported a meeting took place on May 21, 2010 including Mr. Alex Saucedo (San Antonio District #2 Parks and Recreation Representative), Mr. Tommy Adkisson (County Commissioner), Ms. Ivy Taylor (San Antonio City Council), and Mayor Al Suarez. The meeting was arranged to discuss cooperative efforts between San Antonio and Converse parks. Ms. Johnson then reported Mr. Saucedo will attend next month's Parks and Recreation meeting to give a presentation.

**12. Fundraising Discussion.**

Chairman Selko reported she will be selling cookbooks during the AAU events and asked for volunteers to work the gates. Other fundraising ideas discussed were:

- Selling cookbooks at 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays.
- Car show at 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays.
- Haunted hayride.
- Fishing tournaments.
- Wrestling events.
- Concessions at sporting events.
- Rap/R&B shows.
- Sports tournaments.

**13. Cookbook Update. (Cookbook Committee)**

No report.

**14. Briefing by City Council Liaison.**

Councilman Shadron reported on recent City Council actions and recognitions to include 15 years of service by the City of Converse Animal Control Officer, Mr. John Cyphers, proclamations regarding boat safety, foster care month, and Project Graduation, new EDC board members, quarterly briefings from Building and Standards Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission, and a new Council Member was appointed, Ms. Robin Benbrook, to replace Mr. Jon Lindgren.

**15. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.**

- Community service workers.
- Presentation from Mr. Alex Saucedo.
- Fundraising.

**16. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – July 12, 2010.**

Next meeting will take place on July 12, 2010 as regularly scheduled.

**17. Adjournment.**

Chairman Selko adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.