

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JULY 12, 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 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Ms. Kathy Selko, Chairman	Mr. Sam Perez, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Rex Brien, Member	Ms. Tulita Harris, Member
Ms. Becky Johnson, Member	Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member
Councilman John Shadron, Liaison	Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Secretary

There were two visitors recognized, Ms. Celeste Morris and Mr. Alex Saucedo.

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.

Ms. Celeste Morris unofficially reported on a community center coming to the City of Converse near Fire Station # 2 in 2011. Ms. Morris stated the community center is being privately funded and they are awaiting an engineering/architectural report at this time.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted June 14, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted June 14, 2010 was made by Ms. Becky Johnson. Seconded by Mr. Rex Brien. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention, Mr. Jeff Beehler, who was not present for the meeting.

5. North Hampton Park Update Presentation from Mr. Alex Saucedo.

Mr. Alex Saucedo of the Parks and Recreation Board District # 2 in San Antonio provided literature and reported on recent improvements to North Hampton park, a potential community involved task force and regional library in the area, several projects which have already been established in the San Antonio area, the upcoming 2012 bond, and a desire for a partnership with the City of Converse to facilitate future endeavors.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Appoint a Vice-Chair for a One Year Term.

Mr. Beehler nominated Mr. Perez for another term. When asked if he would be willing, Mr. Perez responded positively.

Motion to re-appoint Mr. Sam Perez as the Vice-Chairman for the Parks and Recreation Commission for another one-year term was made by Mr. Beehler. Seconded by Ms. Tulita Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action for Fundraising and Other Park Activities.

Several fundraising ideas were discussed including a car show or “park & shine” on 2nd Saturdays, a haunted hayride or haunted house, rummage sales, and bringing back the Christmas decorating contest.

Councilman Shadron reported on correspondence with the Mayor and City Manager seeking \$2500, \$500 per event, to support fundraising events with a stipulation that if profit is made, the Commission will pay back the money. Councilman Shadron stated the Mayor and City Manager are agreeable and will add this into the budget as long as the events are approved by City Council.

Mr. Beehler agreed to put together flyers for the car events for 2nd Saturdays ~~and to map out an area for a haunted hayride at the lake property~~. Ms. Johnson volunteered to do the research to find a location to host a haunted house.

** Mr. Beehler asked for a correction. He stated he did not agree to map out an area for the haunted hayride at the lake property, and, that it was Ms. Johnson who volunteered to do so.*

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve Ms. Becky Johnson to contact Boysville and any other locations to possibly host a Haunted House in October. Seconded by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, a painting day for the pool concession stand was mutually agreed upon, September 19, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

8. Discuss Projects for Community Service Workers.

Projects discussed were:

- Removal of rocks from the football field at North Park.
- Concession stand painting project.
- Cleaning up the creek line.

9. Parkour Update Discussion.

Chairman Selko reported on Parkour's failure to provide proper proof of insurance to the City which ultimately negated any tentative agreement between the two parties.

10. Cookbook Update. (Cookbook Committee)

Chairman Selko reported donating 20 twenty cookbooks to place in gift bags provided to dignitaries at the AAU hospitality event which took place the previous weekend. In addition, Chairman Selko reported plans to begin selling the remainder of the cookbooks at 2nd Saturdays along with help from Ms. Johnson.

11. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Councilman Shadron reported on a briefing for a National Children's Study, a first reading for Ordinance 623 pertaining to flood dam prevention, contemplated litigation for failures on the Toepperwein Road Project, Ordinance 630 establishing a Planning and Zoning Commission, establishment of a Beautification and Environmental Commission, changes to the Building and Standards Commission ordinance, requests for qualifications for website development, and an upcoming budget workshop.

12. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Haunted House.
- Community Service Workers.
- Park and Shine on 2nd Saturdays.

13. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – August 9, 2010.

Next meeting will take place on August 9, 2010 as regularly scheduled.

14. Adjournment.

Chairman Selko adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.