

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 11, 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 Perez, acting as Chairman for tonight's meeting, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Introduction of New Members.

New member, Ms. Renee Dopierala, introduced herself and spoke briefly about her background which included being retired from the U.S. Army and having a three year old granddaughter.

New member, Mr. Leon Stubbs, was not present.

3. Roll Call.

Mr. Sam Perez, Vice-Chairman	Ms. Tulita Harris, Member
Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member	Ms. Renee Dopierala, Member
Councilman John Shadron, Liaison	Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Secretary

New member, Mr. Leon Stubbs, was not present and no member of the Commission was advised with regard to his absence.

Recognized visitor, Mr. Everet Taylor.

4. 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. Janice Pittman was not present for “Citizens to be Heard” and did not speak during this portion of the meeting. Ms. Pittman did, however, add a few comments later during agenda item # 8.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted August 9, 2010.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted August 9, 2010 was made by Ms. Harris. Seconded by Mr. Beehler. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention, Ms. Dopierala, who was not yet an active member for the August meeting.

6. Discussion of Nominations for the Chairman’s Seat for a One Year Appointment Commencing November 8, 2010.

Vice-Chairman Perez chose not to be considered for the Chairman’s seat due to his busy schedule and many obligations that could occasionally affect his attendance, which he felt would be unfair to the Commission.

Mr. Beehler chose not to be considered for the Chairman’s seat and reported possible knee replacement surgery in his future as his reason. Mr. Beehler nominated Ms. Dopierala.

Ms. Harris also declined consideration for the nomination explaining there may be the appearance of a conflict of interest and then nominated Ms. Dopierala as well.

Ms. Dopierala accepted the nominations and Councilman Shadron reported he would take the Commission’s recommendations to the next City Council meeting.

7. Discussion and Action for Park and Shine, Car Show.

Mr. Beehler reported delays in the planning stages for this event due to the potential loss of assistance from Mr. Andy Selko. A brief discussion involving locations, dates, prizes, and other logistical ideas then took place. Following discussion, a motion to table this item until the next regularly scheduled meeting so that all new members may participate in the decision making was made by Mr. Beehler. Seconded by Ms. Dopierala. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion to Identify the Park Amenities in the Converse City Park and Converse North Park for Park Master Plan.

Discussion included:

- Reports of good progress in the pool area.
- Status of progress on new restroom at North Park.
- Flooding of new football field at North Park.
- Follow up on 20 solar lights supposedly available from grant program.
- Recommendations for basketball courts at City Park.

- Need for more lighting at North Park.
- Consideration of creating a walking trail along the edges of the fence line at North Park.

Ms. Janice Pittman spoke briefly about her concerns regarding the lack of lighting at North Park at this time.

9. Discussion and Action to Plan Two or More Park Activities for 2011.

Suggestions included:

- Co-ed softball teams for adults.
- Car show.
- Easter egg hunt.
- Halloween haunted hayride.
- Bring back the Christmas decorating contest.

A motion was then made by Ms. Tulita Harris to table this agenda item until the next regularly scheduled meeting to include all of the new members on this discussion as well. Motion was seconded by Ms. Dopierala. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Councilman Shadron reported on several appointments to commissions along with Council Liaison appointments, approval of the EDC and City budgets for the FY 2010-11, temporary certificate of occupancy for the new Judson High School was approved, approved a contract with Civic Plus to construct and maintain the City website, approved a request for professional services to conduct an employee classification and compensation study for all city employment positions, approved the Herald as the official newspaper for FY 2010-11, approved a special use permit for the operation of an automated ice machine to be located at 9135 FM 78, disapproved a special use permit for the operation of a bar/tavern at 9260 FM 78, presentation of JYSF's quarterly financial report, approved a request for qualifications for the position of City Manager, gave thanks for a successful 9/11 ceremony at North Park, several cities in the Metrocom met to discuss the possibility of forming a Local Government Corporation for the purpose of purchasing additional water rights, and an upcoming Town Hall meeting on Oct 14th.

11. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Bring back agenda items 7 & 9.
- Additional needs for the parks.
- Revisit the park survey results.
- Update on solar lights.

12. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – November 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will take place on November 8, 2010 as regularly scheduled.

13. Adjournment.

Vice-Chairman Perez adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.