

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
JUNE 13, 2011  
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 Stubbs called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors.**

Mr. Leon Stubbs, Chairman	Mr. Sam Perez, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member	Ms. Tulita Harris, Member
Mr. Everet Taylor, Member	Mr. Steve Bissell, Member
Ms. Janie Olds, Member	Mr. John Shadron, Alternate Member
Councilwoman Kathy Richel, Liaison	Mr. Karl Hoppes, Director of Facilities
Ms. Shawna Dowell, City Manager	Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Secretary

Visitors:

Councilwoman Laura Beehler, Councilman Steve Brown, Councilman Andy Selko, Mr. Jon Lindgren, Ms. Joan Lindgren, Mr. John Woolery, and Mr. Dale Bransford.

Alternate Member, Mr. John Shadron, was not a voting member for this 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.**

Mr. John Woolery spoke on behalf of the CCFAAA expressing appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their monetary donation and supportive efforts with the recent Easter Egg Hunt. Specifically mentioned, Ms. Janie Olds, Ms. Tulita Harris, Jeff and Laura Beehler,

John Shadron, and Leon Stubbs. Mr. Woolery also stated the CCFAAA was hopeful for joint endeavors with the Parks and Recreation Commission in the future.

**4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted May 9, 2011.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted May 9, 2011 was made by Mr. Beehler. Seconded by Mr. Bissell. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention, Ms. Olds, who was not present for the May 9th meeting.

**5. Presentation to Acknowledge Appreciation of the CCFAAA for their Joint Efforts in Hosting the Recent Easter Egg Hunt at Converse North Park on April 16, 2011.**

Chairman Stubbs reported this presentation will take place at the next available City Council meeting. City Manager, Ms. Dowell, stated she would place this on the agenda for the June 21, 2011 meeting.

**6. Presentation by San Antonio River Authority Engineers, Mr. Jim Boenig and Mr. Dale Bransford, to Discuss Enhancing Park Development and Federal Funding Resources for Converse Parks.**

Mr. Dale Bransford gave a brief overview of the San Antonio River Authority followed by an interactive discussion with the Commission members and visitors regarding various grant program possibilities. Mr. Bransford also informed the Commission members that the San Antonio River Authority will be available to them as a resource for technical assistance, if needed.

**7. Update Discussions for Parks and Recreation Commission Scheduled Events for 2011.**

**A. Park and Shine. (Mr. Beehler)**

Mr. Beehler recommended postponing this event until September to avoid competing with all of the other car shows that are happening at this time of year.

**B. 9/11/11 Ceremony. (Mr. Beehler)**

Mr. Beehler stated he does not mind being the liaison on this project, but, he has not received any information regarding American Legion meeting times. Chairman Stubbs offered to obtain and provide Mr. Beehler with this information.

**C. Scary Movie in the Park, October 29, 2011. (Vice-Chair Perez and Ms. Harris)**

Vice-Chairman Perez and Ms. Harris reported they have ceased their research awaiting determination of whether or not funds will be available for this event. Mr. Hoppes will follow-up with the Assistant City Manager on this matter and report his findings.

**8. Update Discussion on the Development of a Bird Guide for Bird Watchers and Butterfly Garden at Converse North Park. (Chairman Stubbs, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Bissell)**

Chairman Stubbs reported the ladies of the Baha'i faith successfully planted a tree at North Park and tentative dimensions for the butterfly garden have been established. Chairman Stubbs also recommended another walk-through of the park with all of the Commission Members in attendance.

**9. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Recommendation to Amend Chapter 30, Article III, Section 30-67, the City of Converse Ordinance that Regulates Facility Charges. (Ms. Olds)**

Ms. Olds reported her research determined the City of Converse is right in line with following what other surrounding cities are charging. Mr. Hoppes reported attendance at the pool has been good so far this season as well as sales at the concession stand.

No action taken.

**10. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve a Plan to Name the Lakes of Converse Parks.**

Discussion included:

- Name the Lake contest could be good advertising for the parks.
- Suggestion to allow highest donation to pick the names. Down side to this suggestion, name could end up being something not sentimental to the City of Converse.
- Suggestion to create a list of desirable names to choose from.

Allowing time to determine a list of names for the lakes, Ms. Olds made a motion to table this item until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. Park Improvement Report from Director of Facilities, Mr. Karl Hoppes.**

Mr. Hoppes reported:

- Most of the posts have been placed at North Park, project near completion.
- Roof at City Park concession stand has been repaired.
- New freezer and ice machine were purchased for concession stand at City Park.
- New furniture including benches and ADA tables were purchased for City Park pool/concession stand area.
- Picnic tables relocated from City Park to North Park.

**12. Briefing by City Council Liaison.**

Councilwoman Richel reported on Mr. Hoppes' briefing at last City Council meeting, several commission appointments, and water restriction discussions.

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

- Bring back agenda item #10.
- Report on tour of North Park.
- Follow up discussion from Mr. Bransford's report.
- Follow up discussion from Parks and Recreation Commission report given to City Council.
- Discuss involvement in 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday activities.

**14. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – July 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.**

A date for a tour of North Park to be determined. Next regular meeting will be July 11, 2011, as regularly scheduled.

**15. Adjournment.**

Chairman Stubbs adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.