

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 23, 2016

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 4:00 p.m. in the Derek D. Daniels Conference Room of the Athens Partnership Center, 201 W. Corsicana St., Athens Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Chris Tinsley
Bob Morton
Jay Eckert
Andrea Copeland
Clyde Bowman Sr.
Justin Boswell

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary
Thanasis Kombos, Community Development Manager

with the following member absent: Hugh Armstrong

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2016 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by member Morton, seconded by Member Eckert to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 Regular Session.

DISCUSS DOG PARKS IN ATHENS

Chris Tinsley, Chairman of the Parks Board, stated he has several citizens asking about a dog park. He stated he has driven around the community to search for a suitable place for a dog park.

There was discussion regarding the possibility of a dog park at Cain Park 3. Mr. Tinsley stated that he thought there may not be enough space at Cain Park 3; he further stated there is not enough space at Coleman Park. Mr. Tinsley stated there could potentially be a space behind the adult softball field at Cain Park.

Mr. Kombos stated there is an open field at Cain Park between the softball field and Robbins Road. He stated it would need some infrastructure; however it is a large flat area.

There was further discussion regarding dog parks. Mr. Tinsley asked that all board members go out to Cain Park to conceptualize the location and determine if this is a good place for a dog park.

DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS FOR THE OLD HENDERSON COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mr. Kombos explained to the Parks Advisory Board that the City Council is now considering the property located at 405 Lindsey for housing. He stated that prior to Council's direction for developing the lot for housing he had requested a landscape architect create a preliminary park site plan. Mr. Kombos presented the Parks Advisory Board with the site plan and stated the site plan included the following: a parking area, sidewalk, gazebo, pavilion, and playground area. He also stated that, according to the plan, the existing trees would remain.

There was further discussion by the board regarding the site plan.

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager, stated he was excited about the future. He stated there is a real opportunity to move the City forward and make the property a benefit for the community.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Ms. Hambrick read aloud that Citizens are requesting a nice updated playground at Coleman Park.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S UPDATE

Mr. Kombos updated the Parks Board on the following:

1. Meeting with JUGS (Just Us Guys) regarding community forum for Baggett Park
2. Underutilized park space

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016

Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary