

SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 1, 2015

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Annex, 501 N. Pinkerton St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Chris Tinsley
Andrea Copeland
Jay Eckert
Hugh Armstrong
Clyde Bowman Sr.

Philip Rodriguez, City Manager
David Hopkins, Assistant City Manager
Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

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

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2015 REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Copeland to approve the minutes of March 3, 2015 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF NEW MEMBER TO PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman Tinsley informed the board three (3) applications were submitted for consideration to fill the vacancy of Member Bell who recently submitted her resignation.

Gary Crecelius, Director of Planning and Development, explained to the Parks Advisory Board that the board consists of seven (7) members and the board makes a recommendation to the City Council for the appointment.

After much discussion a motion was made by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Armstrong to nominate Justin Boswell to fill the vacancy on the Parks Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Tinsley also stated he would like the City Council to be informed that the Parks Advisory Board had no objections to any of the applicants.

DISCUSS PARK IMPROVEMENT DESIGN

Chairman Tinsley informed the board that he has been working with City Manager Philip Rodriguez and Velvin and Weeks. He stated the plans are finished for the concession stand at Coleman Park, half the topographical survey is complete and they are currently performing soil testing. He stated the topographical survey and Cain Park is near completion.

Chairman Tinsley explained the total estimated cost for improvements is between \$250,000 and \$275,000. He stated it is 9,000 square feet under roof.

He stated meetings have occurred with approximately ten (10) different contractors where the plans were presented as designed and the contractors were asked if the improvements could be constructed at a cheaper cost.

DISCUSS CURRENT PARK IMPROVEMENT DONATIONS

Chairman Tinsley informed the Parks Advisory Board of the following park improvement donations:

- 1) \$150,000 donation in the form of a challenge grant if \$100,000 is raised
- 2) \$ 35,000 from private funds
- 3) \$ 2,500 First State Bank
- 4) \$ 5,000 Athens Teenage Baseball Association
- 5) \$ 5,000 Henderson County Girls Softball Association

He further stated he presented the park improvement design to the Athens Economic Development Corporation's Board and has asked for funds from AEDC between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Chairman Tinsley informed the Parks Advisory Board that he will present the park improvement plans to the Athens City Council on July 27, 2015.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN RELATING TO THE CITY OF ATHENS

There was no discussion.

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The meeting was adjourned.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary