



MINUTES OF MEETING
LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION TREE ADVISORY BOARD



Country View Golf Course (Clubhouse)
240 W. Beltline Rd.
Lancaster, TX 75146
Monday, January 31, 2011
7:00 pm

Board Members Present:

Darwin Isham
Abe Cooper
Mary Sykes
Cecelia Rutherford
Willene Watson
Spencer Hervey

Staff & Guest Present:

Sean Johnson, Director (Parks and Recreation)
Vernon Pellum, Recreation Superintendent
Jodi Griggs, Parks Superintendent
Brandon Harrison, Recreation Supervisor
Suzy Cluse, Interim Assistant Director (Finance)
Cynthia D. Williams, Board Secretary

Board Members Absent:

LaShonjia Harris
Coy Poitier

Call to Order

Ms. Watson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2 Discuss Meeting Schedule

In the past, the Tree Advisory Board met on an as needed basis. Mr. Johnson asked the Board if they would like to continue with this practice. The Board voted unanimously to continue to have Tree Advisory Board Meetings on an as needed basis.

Agenda Item #3 Briefing: Aerial Park Commercial Amusement Facility (700 West Beltline Road, Lancaster, TX 75146)

Mr. Johnson reported that there is a market for adventure parks. The Aerial Park Commercial Amusement Facility is 20 acres. City Council did approve the removal of the SUP. This Facility will have zip lines and challenge courses. There are controls in place to protect the trees. It will complement the Golf Course. It will be a marketing venue for the Recreation Center. The contractor is a private contractor. The target date for completion is

summer 2011. The Facility will create some new jobs. City Council passed unanimously on this project.

Agenda Item #4 Briefing: The North Texas Urban Forestation Initiative

Mr. Johnson reported that this program is part of the 2050 plan. All the mayors in the DFW area received information on the program. Mayor Knight passed the information on to our staff.

The City of Richardson committed to "Tree the Town." Through a partnership with the Texas Trees Foundation, Tree the Town is possible. Tree The Town is a citywide, public-private program with an ambitious goal: to plant and care for 50,000 new trees. The program has online partners and an online tracking system.

We want to be a part of this program. Staff has a meeting on Friday, February 4, 2011 with Economic Development. We only have to assist in the process of planting the trees. Oncor and Home Depot are planning to be involved in this program. Almost all the cities contacted has committed to this program.

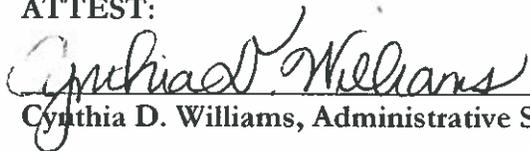
Agenda Item #5 Set Agenda for Next Meeting

- The North Texas Urban Forestation Initiative – Update
- Arbor Day 2011

Agenda Item #7 Adjournments

Mr. Hervey moved to adjourn. Mrs. Rutherford seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Cynthia D. Williams, Administrative Secretary

APPROVED:


Willene Watson, Chairman (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board)