



City of Lancaster  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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## MEETING

### LANCASTER RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LRDC – Type B)

Saturday, January 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

## MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Lancaster Recreational Development Corporation (LRDC – Type B) met January 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lancaster Recreation Center (Conference Room), 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, TX 75134.

**Lancaster Recreational Development Corporation (LRDC – Type B) Directors Present:** Spencer Hervey, Darwin Isham, Cecelia Rutherford, Willene Watson, Donald May, Abe Cooper, and Jerry Giles - **Directors Absent** Mary Sykes

**City Staff and Guest Present:** Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson, Recreation Superintendent Jasmine Lee, Parks/Building Services Superintendent Jodi Griggs, and Administrative Secretary Cynthia D. Williams

### Call to Order

President Spencer Hervey called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

### I. Consider Approval of Minutes (December 7, 2011)

Ms. Watson made a motion seconded by Mrs. Rutherford to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hervey disagreed with Mr. Hager due to the written approved and accepted Bylaws and City council approved Resolution defining the LRDC – Type B responsibilities, suggested the Corporation table, and review the current Bylaws. Ms. Watson made a motion seconded by Mr. Cooper to table and review the minutes of December 7, 2011 until the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

At this point (9:30 a.m.), the Board boarded the Senior Bus for our Annual Tour of Parks. Mrs. Griggs distributed copies of an Excel spreadsheet, which list all of our parks and information on each park.

### II. Annual Tour of Parks

- **Ames:** Staff maintains mowing at Ames. The land behind Ames does belong to the City which is part of Cedardale Park.

- **Bear Creek Nature Preserve:** People do not know this Park exists or that it is in the City. The City stocks both the pond at Bear Creek and Community Park. Bear Creek is catch and release. People also do not realize this Park has an Equestrian Trail or where the Trail goes. It is about 2.2 miles. Parks and Recreation used the Trail for our Haunted Hayride. Oncor does a community service project at Bear Creek each year. There is no electricity or running water here. We have Port-A-lets here year round. You have to have a license to fish. We have five campsites. The Equestrian Trail parking lot is large enough for trailers/loading and uploading. Bear Creek extends over to Ten Mile Road.
- **Cedardale Softball Complex:** Mrs. Griggs reported that the shades damaged in February 2010. The shades were replaced with insurance funds in October 2011.. We have concessions and an office area for first aid. We also have a restroom here. With the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's consent, the City plans or would like to rename this Park. PTA Sports has an interest in this Park. We will use this Park for our spring youth baseball. We plan to connect fences between each field. This park built on a floodplain. The lights at this Park work.
- **Dewberry Park:** Dewberry Park has a little bit of everything. Staff took the sign down at this Park because of damage. It is a well used Park. There was further questions/discussion. This Park has a Game Time playground. Citizens play volleyball and soccer here.
- **Kidsquare Park:** Kidsquare was a community project. The Boy Scouts Troop adopted this Park. They clean it on a regular basis. The City post signs if you Adopt-A-Spot. However, you must participate in the City Trash-Off events. This Park is made of wood. Kidsquare and Community Park are our most rented pavilions. Kidsquare built in 1992. This park has a pavilion.
- **Meadowcreek Park:** This Park opened in 2006. It has a large open field. It does not have a restroom. Citizens use the basketball courts a lot. They can press a button to turn on lights. The sign at this Park will be our signature sign. This neighborhood has a neighborhood watch. There was further questions/discussion.
- **Stanford Park:** Stanford Park is a neighborhood park. There was further questions/discussion. This Park use to be a swimming pool. It opened in 1997. We have pea gravel as the playground fall surface.. Staff refurbished and fixed the Pavilion. There was further questions/discussion.
- **Ten Mile Creek Preserve:** Most of the area is wooded. There are a couple of trails. It is in the City. We will keep as natural area. We need someone with experience in nature to come out and program Ten Mile and Bear Creek. Ten Mile Creek is 86 acres.
- **The Moreland Property:** The Moreland Property is across the street from Ten Mile Preserve. We lease the Moreland Property from Dallas County for 99 years. Moreland has two houses on it, a potted shed, and a shed in the back. It is next to the Cemetery. Fannin Tree Farm may use Moreland as a satellite site for their business. There was further questions/discussion.
- **City Park:** The Trail here is about a mile long. This Park is located across from Country View Golf Course. Practice for baseball will take place at City Park. There are two pavilions for rental. The City filled the outdoor pool in 2004. We had "Bark in City Park" at this Park. It is a good park for croquet, chess, and horseshoe tournaments. We will offer an adult softball league at City Park and will host our Easter Egg Hunt here this year. There was further questions/discussion. Pavilion rentals are huge at this Park. Former Dallas Cowboys Larry Brown uses the land next to the neighborhood for his organizations practice field.
- **Country View Golf Course:** The City owns the Golf Course, which Mr. David Royar manages.
- **Community Park:** Mrs. Griggs reported that Community Park now contains a playground and football field built by Mr. Deion Sanders and his TRUTH organization. The playground was installed in one day. The playground gives children that are not participating in the football games something to do. The restrooms at this Park open year around. This Park also has concessions area. The Pavilion is available for rental. The playground here was previously at the site where the Senior Center now exists. Staff will provide the Board with picture copies of the new playground.

Board Members unloaded from the Bus to view the future site of our new Amphitheater. There was further questions/discussion. Staff will provide the new members with plans of the new Amphitheater.

- **Jaycee Park:** The Jaycees donated this Park to the City in 1987. The Lil' Tigers played football here. The City renovated the existing tennis courts into roller hockey courts. There are no restrooms here. The City owns this land. We do rent out Jaycee Park for football practices. We have no irrigation here. We are looking for some type of irrigation system. Not many people know about this Park. This is a gravel and unpaved service.
- **Rocky Crest Park:** It has a backstop, playground, and two basketball courts. The citizens use the courts all the time. There are no restroom facilities here.
- **Royce Clayton:** Mrs. Griggs gave an overview of this park and the plans for the park. There was further questions/discussion.
- **Verona Park:** Verona is also a neighborhood park. The City hosted its first Community Block Party at Verona. Verona and Stanford are our oldest parks. We are looking to partnership with the United Way to help rebuild Verona or Stanford. There was further questions/discussion.
- **Hike/Bike Trail:** Staff placed benches and trash receptacles along the Trail. It is 2.4 miles long. The trail starts in the neighborhood off Main Street and runs along the Oncor electrical easement. The trail stops at Saddlebrook Drive and then starts again on the east side of Houston School Road. The trail ends behind the old hospital.. Staff is looking at ways to keep people from driving on the Trail.
- **Soccer Complex:** Mrs. Griggs reported that we have 10 soccer fields. Ages U4 – 12 & U play at this Complex. We have two programs that use this field. This complex contains a restroom, storage room, and concessions. Both programs will start up this spring. There was further questions/discussion.
- **Heritage Park:** This Park contains the Gazebo. Some people rent Heritage Park for an outdoor wedding and walk over to the Community House for the reception.
- **Community House:** We renovated the Community House last year.
- **Southside Square, Town Square, and Beautification Program** – We toured these sites and there were further questions/discussion.
- There is no irrigation at most of our parks. There was further questions/discussion. Staff is looking at developing packets for family reunions to include our Park sites. All our parks open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. We use native plant materials with each signature sign. We have playgrounds inspected each month. We have in our CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) to get signature signs at all our parks. We put anti-graffiti on our playgrounds. We have Adopt-A-Spot and a Volunteer Program to help us with the parks.

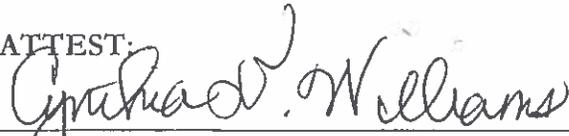
### III. Set Agenda for Next Meeting

- Quarterly Update – LRDC Type B Sales Tax
- Library Three Year Plan Update

### IV. Adjournment

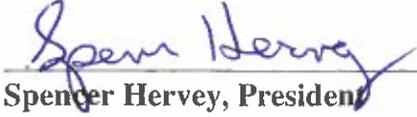
Mrs. Rutherford made a motion seconded by Mr. Cooper to adjourn. All present approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Cynthia D. Williams, Administrative Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Spencer Hervey, President

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