

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTIES OF POTTER :
AND RANDALL :

On this the 12th day of August 2014, the Parks and Recreation Commission of Amarillo, Texas convened at 1:30 PM in regular session in Room 306, City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

ATTENDANCE

	PRESENT TODAY	NO. REGULAR MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. REGULAR MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT	TERM STARTED	TERM EXPIRES
Mr. Cameron Monroe	Yes	60	48	08/12/08	07/01/14
Ms. Jackie Payne	Yes	70	56	07/24/07	07/01/15
Mr. Mike Rivera	No	29	20	09/13/11	07/01/14
Ms. Renee McCown	No	29	19	09/13/11	07/01/14
Mr. David Hudson	Yes	16	14	01/02/13	07/01/16
Mr. Rob Chafin	Yes	16	12	01/02/13	07/01/16
Mr. Terry Easterling	Yes	10	7	09/10/13	07/01/16

and the following staff members:

Rod Tweet	Director of Parks & Recreation
Pat Westbrook	Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Kevin Wilde	Assistant Park Superintendent
Pam Cognasi	Recreation Supervisor
Andy Tarkington	Athletic Supervisor
Bryan Shelhamer	Park Development Manager
Wendy Baca	Recreation Coord/Specialist
Shelley Gallagher	Aquatics Specialist
Yisrael Zimmerman	Assistant Aquatics Specialist
Mike Boley	Visitor Service Coordinator
Sherylene Morris	Recording Secretary

There being a quorum established, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Cameron Monroe, and the following business was conducted.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 10, 2014 MEETING

Mr. Terry Easterling made a MOTION to approve the June 10, 2014 minutes as amended. Ms. Jackie Payne seconded the MOTION. MOTION passed by a vote of 5-0.

ITEM 2. MONTHLY REPORTS

Rod Tweet, Parks Director, introduced Pat Westbrook as the new Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation. He thanked Park Commissioners who were able to attend the Eastridge School Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He mentioned that community volunteers and Adopt-A-Park programs are in place to help keep the parks clean. The annual Park Tour will be held Tuesday, September 9th with a brief morning meeting before the tour. The Mayor's Half Marathon is scheduled for September 20th at Medical Center Park.

Kevin Wilde, Assistant Park Superintendent, reported on Park Maintenance progress in the parks and also zoo activities for the month of July.

Pam Cognasi, Recreation Supervisor, reported on Recreation and Aquatics activities that took place in July.

Andy Tarkington, Athletic Supervisor, reported on all Athletic activities and tournament information for the month of July.

Pat Westbrook, Assistant Parks Director, reported on ongoing capital projects that are currently in construction as well as future projects scheduled for the next fiscal year.

ITEM 3. HIKE AND BIKE MASTER PLAN

Rod Tweet discussed implementation of updating the Hike and Bike Master Plan. He asked for two volunteers from the Park Commission to be on a sub-committee to help in the updating of this master plan. Rob Chafin and Jackie Payne volunteered.

ITEM 4. AMARILLO ZOO GRANTS

Mike Boley, Visitor Service Coordinator, shared information regarding recent grant funding received and explained how these funds will be used to enhance educational opportunities at the Amarillo Zoo.

ITEM 5. RECOGNITION OF AQUATIC STAFF MEMBER

Shelley Gallagher, Aquatics Supervisor, recognized Elijah Gutierrez as one of our current lifeguards that has recently received top recognition as a "Golden Guard" by Jeff Ellis & Associates, Inc. He was one out of sixteen in the world chosen for this award.

ITEM 6. PUBLIC FORUM

No comments from the public.

ITEM 7. PARK COMMISSION COMMENTS

Cameron Monroe complimented the Park Maintenance staff on getting the sod ready for the Eastridge School Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He stated that the new Sleepy Hollow Playground is being utilized very well.

Jackie Payne complimented Park Maintenance on building our own drinking fountains in the parks.

ITEM 8. ANNOUNCEMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE

September 9, 2014 to include Park Tour

ITEM 9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Rod Tweet,
Director of Parks and Recreation