

City of Denton Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board
Minutes
December 5, 2022

After determining that a quorum of the City of Denton, Texas, Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board was present, the Board convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Vice-Chair George Ferrie and Members Kwami Koto, Jerry Dooley, Frances Punch and Robert Aughtry

Absent: None

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- None

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. PRB22-081 Consider approval of the minutes of November 7, 2022 and the amended minutes of October 3, 2022.

Member Dooley moved to adopt the item as presented; Member Koto seconded. Motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Ferrie, Members Punch, Koto, Aughtry and Dooley
NAYS (0): None

B. PRB22-082 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Advisory Board Annual 2023 meeting schedule.

Member Punch moved to adopt the item as presented; Member Dooley seconded. Motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Ferrie, Members Punch, Koto, Aughtry and Dooley
NAYS (0): None

C. PRB22-083 Receive nominations and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board.

Member Punch nominated Vice-Chair Ferrie as Chair; Member Dooley seconded. Motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Ferrie, Members Punch, Koto, Aughtry and Dooley
NAYS (0): None

Chair Ferrie nominated Member Punch as Vice-Chair; Member Koto seconded motion carried

AYES (5): Vice-Chair Ferrie, Members Punch, Koto, Aughtry and Dooley
NAYS (0): None

F. PRB22-086 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff feedback regarding the process and collaboration on the removal of privet.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction:

- Master Naturalist are willing to volunteer to help

D PRB22-084 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the accreditation application through the National Recreation and Park Association Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction:

- That Parks staff keep Board informed about the CAPRA process as it unfolds
- Expressed that accreditation may help the Parks and Recreation Department with further grant opportunities
- That Parks staff let Park Board know how Park Board may provide support for the CAPRA process

E. PRB22-086 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the stabilization of the Cooper Creek streambank within Avondale Park for the Parks and Drainage Departments.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, staff was provided the following direction:


- Asked how public meetings will be communicated to the public.
- Asked staff for clarification of the costs of the options presented
- Asked staff to bring back updates on the progress and the options for stabilization

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS


- Member Punch provided the following input regarding the Quakertown Memorial Project public meetings:
 - That the information did not seem consistent meeting to meeting.
 - Some of the information provided to the board was not provided to the public.
 - Asked if public survey data available.
 - Concerns the public was feeling as though their input was not being shared
 - Confusion about the Woman's Club Building and what will happen with it.
 - Question as to why the ownership of the Women's Club building seemed to be a higher priority than the desires of the public.
 - If the Senior Center could be a place for a permanent structure or "museum" for Quakertown.
- Member Aughtry suggested buying the Woman's Club Building.
- Chair Ferrie suggested a permanent memorial structure for Quakertown is something the community wants.
- Member Dooley asked staff to keep the board updated on the Quakertown project and expressed satisfaction with the availability of Discuss Denton as a means for the public to get information and give input about projects.

- Member Punch asked that at the public input meetings staff provide information about the input that has already been received from the public.
- Member Punch re-iterated wanting a review of the dedication plaque policy. Director, Gary Packan replied that staff are looking into the issue, and that the dedication usually happens at the time of completion. The Vela plaque was an exception in the usual process because the dedication was moved forward due to the health of some members of the Vela family. Gary stated, as of right now, there is no stated policy, but we will continue with the “snapshot in time” dedication plaque policy. Staff will provide an AIS at the next meeting.
- Frances Punch asked about a replacement for Brooke. Gary suggested that the replacement will take a couple of months probably.
- Gary mentioned an informative presentation of estimated list of bond projects that Parks are suggesting to Council.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



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MINUTES APPROVED ON: 1/9/23