

Fulshear Parks Commission: Minutes August 21, 2015

Members present: Dave Bundrick, CJ McDaniel, Ramona Ridge, Pat Mollere, and Tajana Mesic

Others in attendance: CJ Snipes, Bobbi Martin

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairman Dave Bundrick

There was a quorum present.

Motion was made to redraft the minutes of July 17, 2015 for approval at next meeting by RR, second by DB. All in favor.

1. Bobbi Martin provided overview of the financials to date along with report on checks paid and payables report. TM made a motion to accept the financial report, second by RR. All in favor.
2. Report by TM regarding the completion of the mural project for the bathroom facility at Irene Stern Park. Project is almost completed. Ramona reported that there were a couple of minor elements to be done and then the addition of the poly coat.
3. PM presented a program on bird and bat houses. For our area there are three primary bird breeds that might utilize the bird habitat: wrens, blue birds and purple martins. The martins houses need to be higher than the trees, so finding a place in Francis Smart may be difficult. CJS reported that Johnson has committed the one acre of land to the north of the current Stern Park which might make an ideal location for the martins.

There was a discussion regarding the martins eating the pollinators, but hopefully that will not be a problem. CJS also reported on a small parcel of land that is part of the Parks down Bois D Arc which might be an ideal location for bat houses. This is an area where there are mosquitos and this might help resolve some of this problem.

DB made a motion that PM and RR research and decide what kind of houses and locations they recommend for this program and included allocation of up to \$1,000 for the purchase and installation of the houses. All in favor. PM and RR will have a plan to present at the next meeting.

4. TM made a motion that we approve the purchase and installation of a plaque to acknowledge the contribution of the water feature in the butterfly garden. Motion was second by RR. CJM will get place made and contact Nelson Water Garden about installation. The budget for this item is not to exceed \$200. Plaque will say "Donated by Arts Fulshear 2014."

5. DB reported briefly on the TRAPS (Texas Recreation and Parks Society) annual meeting in Galveston in February 2016. Attendance at this meeting has been budgeted for the Commission. More details to follow as available.

6. CJM moved to approve the 2016-16 budget as submitted. Second by TM. All in favor

7. CJM overviewed the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant program; however, there are some issues that remain as to what the exact qualifications may be to be eligible. CJM to research with TPW and report at the next meeting with a plan to apply for one of the grants available October 1, 2015, if possible.

8. RR reported that the next Forever Fulshear date is November 14 and is scheduled for 9 AM with lunch at the Stern Center following. The goals are to renovate the entry areas along each side of the front entry to City Hall, seed the flag garden with wildflower seeds for Spring 2016, and trash pick-up along 1093.

It was also discussed how to handle maintenance on the rose garden at the Stern Center. This is a favorite for the seniors who meet regularly there, but the garden needs attention.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be on September 18, 2015 at 9 AM

Submitted by CJ McDaniel, Secretary

Dave Bundrick, Chairman