

SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 9, 2017

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Development Services Center, 622 S. Prairieville St., Athens, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Chris Tinsley
Andrea Copeland
Clyde Bowman
Jay Eckert

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager

others present: Mayor Monte Montgomery, Gary Whittle, and Janicia Evans

with the following members absent: Hugh Armstrong, Justin Boswell, and Bob Morton

constituting a quorum at which time the following proceedings were enacted, to-wit:

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Bowman to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2017 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO
APPROVING THE SITE PLAN FOR O. D. BAGGETT PARK

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager, stated the schematic design for O. D. Baggett Park is the tool Staff will submit to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He communicated that once the City gets their approval the project will begin. He stated that Staff is also finalizing the budget for this project.

Mr. Kombos presented the schematic design for O. D. Baggett Park. He explained that feedback from forums were incorporated into the design.

Mr. Kombos stated Staff recommends the following improvements:

- Remodel the basketball court
- Install four (4) new basketball goals
- Add more trees to the playground area
- Remove some of the equipment
- Remove the pool

Mr. Kombos stated that the playground budget is not extravagant however, he expressed that Staff is willing to receive suggestions from the Board to help improve the park.

Mr. Kombos communicated there will be improvements to the monumental signs as well.

Mr. Kombos informed the Board the City has received a very generous donation of brick from a local brick company. He communicated it will be utilized to create a backstop, as well as lighting improvements.

Member Copeland asked if there has been any discussion regarding traffic around the park. Mr. Kombos stated there has not been any discussion but believes that will be a project for the Parks Department.

After presenting the schematic design, further discussion occurred.

A motion was made by Member Eckert seconded by Member Copeland to approve the schematic design for O. D. Baggett Park, The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO
ONGOING AND FORTHCOMING PARKS PROJECTS AND ANY
ASSOCIATED RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Kombos, provided the following updates on the ongoing and forthcoming parks projects:

1. Installing new swing sets at Kiwanis Park
2. Staff preparing to apply for grants to improve Peach Park
3. Staff to bring forth a conceptual map for Peach Park

There was additional discussion regarding ongoing and forthcoming parks projects.

No action was taken.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

Mayor Monte Montgomery, Athens, TX

Mayor Montgomery introduced himself as the new Mayor of the City of Athens and Gary Whittle as the Interim-City Manager. He thanked the Parks Advisory Board members for their dedication to help improve the City of Athens parks. He further expressed his desires for the Old Henderson County Hospital property

ASSISTANT CITY MANGER UPDATE

Mr. Kombos provided the following update:

- LED lights for Cain Park have been ordered

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Chairman Chris Tinsley requested to revisit the designated smoking areas at Cain Park

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary