

SPECIAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 28, 2018

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 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
Justin Boswell
Bob Morton

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

with the following member absent: Hugh Armstrong

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

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Bowman to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2017 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON CAIN CENTER PROJECT

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager, provided an update on the Cain Center Project. He stated on January 12, 2018 the City Council approved a budget for the Cain Center Project. He stated that in December the City Council was presented with the 30% complete construction documents and the cost estimates.

Mr. Kombos explained that 70% complete construction documents should be presented to the City Council in approximately six (6) weeks.

Mr. Kombos discussed components of the building and room layouts emphasizing that the rooms are multi-purpose use.

Further discussion occurred regarding the building components.

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY
RECOMMENDING PARKING IMPROVEMENTS AT CAIN PARK

Mr. Kombos presented drawings of Cain Park. He stated additional parking was added at Cain Park Phase I when the park was developed for grass parking, however, it was never paved.

Chairman Tinsley stated the parking is not utilized correctly. He suggested the parking areas be asphalted with angle lines and it will double the parking spaces and alleviate parking issues.

Additional discussion regarding parking improvements occurred, with Member Morton suggesting additional footage be added for walking purposes.

After discussion a motion was made by Member Morton, seconded by Member Copeland to recommend to the City Council parking improvements at Cain Park during budget discussion for Fiscal Year 2019 and obtain two (2) separate bids with the possibility of undertaking improvements for all parking.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Kombos provided the following updates for O.D. Baggett Park

- Pavilion is complete
- New basketball courts with full surfacing and painting
- New volley ball court complete
- Currently working on baseball fields
- Last 3 components of the project are to place orders for tree planting that is associated with the design, install new playground equipment, and secure the sidewalks that connect the amenities
- Anticipates late Spring for grand opening

Mr. Kombos stated he expects notification within a month from the State regarding grant for Peach Park.

Mr. Kombos stated the snow fence was replaced at Coleman Park.

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no request for future agenda items.

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ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 9th DAY OF MAY, 2018.

Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary