

SPECIAL SESSION

MAY 9, 2018

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, May 9, 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  
Justin Boswell  
Bob Morton  
Hugh Armstrong

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager  
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

with the following member absent: Jay Eckert

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Thanasis Kombos, Assistant City Manager, explained the item is to elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman for the Parks Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Bowman to elect Chris Tinsley as Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Member Armstrong, seconded by Member Copeland to elect Justin Boswell as Vice Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No action was taken.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2018  
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Copeland, seconded by Member Bowman to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion.

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no request for future agenda items.

DISCUSS SEEKING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INSTALLATION OF  
BALLFIELD LIGHTS AT COLEMAN PARK SOCCER FIELDS

Mr. Kombos explained the item was requested by Member Boswell.

Member Boswell explained he was made aware there are grants through the United States Soccer Association for ballfield lights. Mr. Boswell stated the grant funds everything except labor and installation.

Discussion occurred and Member Boswell stated that he should have more information by the next meeting.

Mr. Kombos explained the following next steps:

- Staff will work with Member Boswell in obtaining information regarding the United States Soccer Association Grant
- Staff will obtain a rough quote for the cost of lighting
- Recommendation from the Parks Advisory Board to the City Council to consider increasing the duration of the lease agreements for associations

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY REGARDING  
RECOMMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Kombos explained the item is to consider recommendations from the Parks Advisory Board regarding FY 2019 Parks budget priorities.

After discussion, prioritizing and deliberation, a motion was made by Member Morton, seconded by Member Copeland to recommend the following for Fiscal Year 2019 Park Projects

Primary project recommendations:

- Restrooms at Cain Park Phase I - \$140,00
- Pave additional Parking at Cain Park - \$15,000

Contingency project recommendations:

- Playground equipment at Cain Park Phase I - \$32,000
- Dog park at Cain Park Phase II - \$28,000
- Fitness equipment at Cain Park Trail - \$10,000

Other recommended projects:

- Shade structure at Coleman Park - \$19,000
- Fishing pier rebuild at Coleman Park - \$15,000
- Pavement renovation at Cain Park Trail - \$39,000
- Playground equipment at Coleman Park - \$90,000

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kombos stated \$30, 000 has been set aside for West Park.

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION, AS NECESSARY REGARDING  
RECOMMENDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PEACH PARK**

Mr. Kombos stated notification was received from the State that the request for the grant for improvements to Peach Park was denied.

Mr. Kombos presented the following recommendations for improvements to Peach Park:

- Survey property
- Small paved parking area
- Asphalt basketball court
- Pavilion
- Small play ground

After discussion, a motion was made Chairman Tinsley, seconded by Member Boswell, to recommend the following improvements to Peach Park:

- Survey property
- Small paved parking area
- Asphalt basketball court
- Pavilion
- Small play ground

The motion carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Kombos, stated that in regards to the Cain Center, the City will be moving forward with the Cain Center Project and that construction is anticipated to begin by July 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that the notification for bids will be advertised in the paper May 11<sup>th</sup>. He stated the Cain Foundation donated \$2.5 million toward the project. A written agreement is almost finalized with the Cain Foundation.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

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Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary