

SPECIAL SESSION

MARCH 8, 2017

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Athens met in Special Session on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 4:00 p.m. at the Development Services Center, located at 622 South Prairieville St., Athens Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

Chris Tinsley  
Jay Eckert  
Justin Boswell  
Hugh Armstrong  
Clyde Bowman

Thanasis Kombos, Managing Director of Community Services  
Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary

others present: Janicia Evans;

with the following members absent: Bob Morton, Andrea Copeland

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Member Eckert to nominate Chris Tinsley as Chairman and Hugh Armstrong as Vice Chairman, seconded by Member Bowman. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Thanasis Kombos explained the items were brought back from the Parks Advisory Board agenda. He stated the Parks Advisory Board could not take action during the meeting because the time was missing from the agenda.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2016  
REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Bowman to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016 Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON CAIN PARK SOFTBALL FIELDS PROJECT

Mr. Kombos explained the first field should be completed by the end of the week and possibly starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> field next week. He stated the fields should be complete before softball season begins in April.

DISCUSSION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Kombos stated the intent of this item is to begin discussing the 2018 budget process. Chairman Tinsley suggested that the Parks Advisory Board determine specific items to present to the City Manager.

There was further discussion regarding parks improvements.

Mr. Kombos stated he would bring the list of budget priorities from last year.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO  
RECOMMENDING THE INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHTS AT CAIN PARK  
PHASE I, II, AND III

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Bowman to recommend the approval of LED lights at Cain Park Phase I, II, and III. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO CAIN PARK

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Armstrong to recommend improvements to Cain Park which include removal of the soccer field by Robbins Road and converting it to a pee wee football field and removal of the unused football field and use it for a soccer field. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF ALL MATTERS RELATED TO  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CAIN PARK PHASE III

Mr. Kombos explained that concerns were expressed regarding Cain Park Phase III. He stated this is the smallest phase.

There was discussion regarding the use of the park for possible parking, a dog park or possibly selling the park. Mr. Kombos stated there are legal gymnastics associated with selling dedicated park space. He stated it is very difficult to do once it is dedicated as a park.

After discussion it was the consensus for all Board members to visit Cain Park Phase III prior to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Member Armstrong, seconded by Member Eckert to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CAIN CENTER PROJECT

Chairman Tinsley stated that as the city gets into the structuring of the Cain Center Project he would like to see the Parks Advisory Board involved with the city on the new campus layout, as the new campus is part of the park.

After further discussion, Mr. Kombos explained the Parks Advisory Board could recommend Chairman Tinsley as the liaison between Parks Advisory Board and the City Council.

A motion was made by Member Eckert, seconded by Member Bowman to recommend Chairman Tinsley as the liaison between the Parks Advisory Board and the City Council to provide feedback regarding the Cain Center Project. The motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS ITEMS OF CONCERN

There was no discussion.

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

There were no additional updates.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017

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Chris Tinsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary