

Parks and Recreation Commission, City of Sachse
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 1999
7:00PM, Sachse City Hall

Present

Karen Gaul
Kelley Felix
Patricia Montagno
Mark Timm
Patricia Easterling

Absent

Donnie Thomas
Tina Boyd

Other Officials in Attendance

Terry Smith, Acting City Manager
Stephen Stanley, City Council Liaison

I - Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November Regular Meeting made by Mark Timm, seconded by Patty Montagno; all in favor.

II - Discuss Current and Future Policies

Discussion topics included:

1 - Don Herzog addressed the Board to review final details for the Woodbridge Parks Dedication. He proposed two tracts of land for a total of 12.8999 acres or 48.5% of the required dedication. The balance to be funded through improvements to the sites.

The Board reviewed and discussed two options:

Option I - \$77,322 which inc. parking, seeding and playground equip.

Option II - \$78,322 which inc. parking, irrigation and seeding.

Motion to recommend that council accept Option I with the addition of taps and faucets for watering and the city would provide irrigation at some point in time made by Pat Easterling; seconded by Mark Timm; all in favor.

2 - Cedar Creek Phase II Park Dedication:

Motion to recommend that council accept the Cedar Creek Phase II Park Dedication providing there be minimal seeding and the dedication be moved slightly so children do not play directly under a pole made by Mark Timm, seconded by Patty Montagno; all in favor.

3 - Heritage Park - Concerns and Discussions.

* - Current City Council does not think that our kids are important. Council would feel that it would be more important to irrigate a park than to have playground equip.

* - Our children are not spoiled and lack a lot of things that other cities have to offer. We need recreation centers for the kids that do not play ball.

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* - The issue of lighting the third ballfield should have been discussed by the Parks Board before council voted. The Parks Board is disappointed that Council does not want our opinion or recommendations.

* - Staff explained that it was not trying to bypass the Board by sending the amenities list of Heritage Park to Council first. It was a matter of expediting the project to have everything ready for completion. The Board questioned that rationale as staff knew that certain items were to be paid for out of the operating budget at the time of the original plan.

* - The Board has requested to see now and in the future any conceptual plans, renderings, blueprints etc. to help us make recommendations.

* - Sachse resident Mary Saathof said that there are a large number of citizens who are not involved in baseball. The city should be taking care of all its citizens not just a select few.

* - Investigate the possibility of exercise stations along the jogging trail at Heritage Parks or other Parks.

* - The Ball Association gets short changed on everything. They are the only group that have to do their own funding.

* - Money is consistently being taken away from the Parks Board. An example was a couple of years ago funding that was earmarked for a part time parks person went to the Go Getters instead. The Council favor the Go Getters even though our children outnumber them 5 to 1.

* - By not lighting the third ballfield, the Ball Association cannot participate in any big tournaments and will not be able to generate any substantial revenue.

* - Council said at the last Council meeting that there would be no more funding of the park. How is the park supposed to be maintained if there is no more funding?

* - People leave the Parks Board because no one takes us seriously and we can't get anything done.

* - The Board requested a joint meeting with Council. Acting City Manager, Terry Smith said that he would try to set it up for Feb. 24.

* - The Board thanked Steve Stanley for being instrumental in recommending that the Council not vote on the amenities list of Heritage Park until the Parks Board could review.

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- * - The Ball association expects 1,000 plus visitors to our park from Wylie and Rowlett.
- * - The Ball Association should also review the Heritage Park amenities list.
- * - We should review our current resources (ie bleachers from other parks) and prioritize the amenities list.
- * - There will be a 4:00 PM tour of the park by staff on Feb 24.
- * - Sachse resident Jim Burnett suggested sod instead of seeding at the park.
- * - The more Parks we build; the more involvement the Parks Board should have.

III - Sachse Park Policies

Motion to table item #5, Park Policies made by Kelley Felix, seconded by Mark Timm; all in favor.

IV - Future Topics

Feb 24, 1999

I - Heritage Park

II - A formal endorsement of brick sales by Ball Association

III - Dedication and Ceremony for Heritage Park

IV- Position of Parks Board in the City

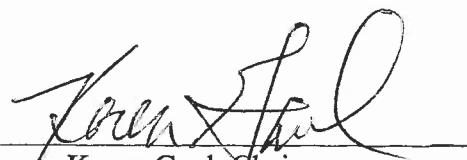
Future topics of other meetings:

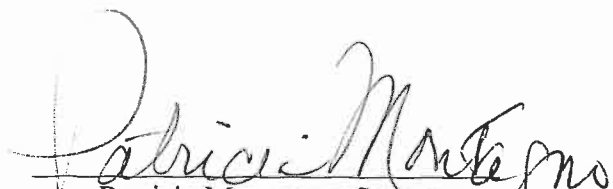
I - Park signage

II - Maintaining existing parks

III - Standardized list of parks equipment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM. Motion to adjourn made by Mark Timm, seconded by Patty Montagno; all in favor.


Karen Gaul, Chairman


Patricia Montagno, Secretary

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1999

7:00 P.M.

SACHSE CITY HALL

The Park and Recreation Commission of the City of Sachse will hold a Regular Meeting on **Wednesday**, February 17, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sachse City Hall 5560 Highway 78, to discuss the following items of business:

1. Approval of Minutes-----Chairman
2. Consider park dedication for Woodbridge Subdivision-----Chairman
3. Consider park dedication for Cedar Creek Estates, Phase 2
Subdivision-----Chairman
4. Discuss 36 acre Heritage Park-----Chairman
5. Discuss current and future park policies-----Chairman
6. Future Topics-----Chairman
7. Staff Updates-----Staff
8. Adjourn-----Chairman

State law prohibits the introduction or discussion of any item of business not posted at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting time.

February 12, 1999, 4:00 p.m.

Terry Smith
City Secretary

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please contact Terry Smith at 972-495-1212 forty-eight (48) hours before meeting time and reasonable accommodation will be made.

Boards and Commissions Meetings Attendance Report

Board/Commission/Committee: Park Board

Date of Meeting: 2-17-99

Place of Meeting: Sachse City Hall -

Members in Attendance:

Kelley S. Leif
Donna Fawcett
Patty Thompson
Mark D. Smith
Patricia Easton

Members Absent:

Donnie Thomas
Tina Boyd

2/17/99

To the Parks Board Members of the City of Sachse:

Ref: Heritage Park Complex

You will be looking at a proposal to fund items that are considered essential to the completion of the Park. After earlier discussions, it looks like the fields won't be ready until the middle of summer or late summer. I know that the boys' baseball program and the girls' softball program can live with that as long as every effort is made to have them available in the fall of 1999 and beyond.

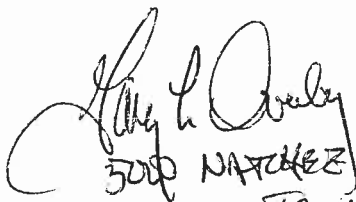
Boys' Baseball is looking at the possibility of playing fall ball and the adults will be playing men's' church league, co-ed league and there is the possibility of starting a women's' league (church or recreational). Richard Ramirez can supply information on the adult programs that have been pretty active even with poor quality field conditions at the Salmon Park facility.

If the desire of the Park Board is that we contact every mom and dad who have signed their kids up to play this year (350+ as of today) and have them show up at the next council meeting then please let us know. We have been through this process many times before. It amazes me that a complex that was initiated at least 6+ years ago can get to the finish out stage and lacks the support necessary to see it to fruition. I realize that there are members of the council and the Park Board who inherited this project, but please do not look at it as an albatross but as an eagle that allows the quality of life in Sachse to soar. No doubt better streets would also enhance quality issues, but let's not throw the baby out with the bath water.

Let's finish out a great Park facility that we are not embarrassed to show off to our present citizens and future Sachse residents. My children will not have the opportunity to play in the Sachse Kids Programs but they will play in Sachse's adult programs. It is a meeting place for Sachse citizens. The kids ball programs provide a place for the grand parents to come and see their loved ones learn how to play the game.

We have initiated a brick paver fundraiser to assist in paying for the lights on the third ball field at Heritage Park. Our intent was not to come (in mass) to a council meeting with petitions but solutions. Our desire is to look for ways to totally pay for the lights or at least offer assistance from those of us who stand to benefit the most by having a first class Park facility.

As a Sachse citizen, I appreciate the time each one of you give to serve on this board. I know that your thoughts are to make sure that whatever decisions are made meet the needs of the majority of the Sachse citizens. I pray for wisdom in your deliberations and again a huge "THANKYOU".


JERRY L. RAMIREZ JR
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City Manager's Comments

Park Board Agenda

Item #1. Minutes-Attached are the minutes.

Item #2. Woodbridge Park Dedication- On July 21, 1998 the Park & Recreation met and approve the park dedication for Woodbridge. However the Park Commission requested a review of the final details- playground equipment. This item is provided for that purpose.

Item #3. Cedar Creek Phase 2 Park Dedication-On November 18, 1997 the Park & Recreation Commission met and reviewed the proposed park dedication of 3.13 acres with a favorable response. However, the Park Commission did not approve the plan because Mr. Bob Sandlin (prior developer) was not able to attend the meeting.

Item #4. Heritage Park- Commission member Kelley Felix has requested this item for discussion.

Item #5. Park Policies

Heritage Park is nearing completion- I would suggest a committee to review the park policy to be mounted on a board at the new park. Salmon Park already has some policies posted.