



City of Belton – Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Harris Community Center, Simpson Room
401 N. Alexander Street
Belton, TX
Monday, February 7, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.

A meeting of the City of Belton Parks Board was held on Monday, February 7, 2011, in the Simpson Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board members Mike Ratliff, Jim Deeken, Woody Durbin, and Chair Diane Ring. City staff in attendance included: City Manager Sam Listi, Public Works Director Les Hallbauer, Recreation & Events Director Sandy Slade, Recreation Coordinator Larry Thorne, and Parks Superintendent Dennis Browning.

1. Call to Order.

Chair Diane Ring called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

2. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

3. Consider minutes from the November 1, 2010, Parks Board meeting.

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Receive seasonal report from Daniel Bucher on BCYC Fall Soccer Program.

Daniel Bucher was absent from the meeting. See attached letter as report to Board. Additional comments were made by Les Hallbauer regarding renovations to Lions Concessions Stand at the Heritage Park soccer fields, including painting, lighting, siding, limestone rock work and counter tops. Restrooms were done in a previous year. Also, Dennis Browning discussed striping the fields initially, and confirmed that it is time consuming. Sandy Slade felt that Mr. Bucher was referring to the need to spend more time initially before the start of the season to stripe. Striping is in the agreement to be conducted by the Association.

The count for this past season is as follows:

67% outside city limits (123 participants)

33% inside city limits (250 participants)

5. Receive an update on the Texas Parks & Wildlife Recreational Trails Grant application.

Sam Listi gave the Board an update on the Recreational Trails Grant application, previously approved by the City Council. The trail will extend from the intersection of 10th Avenue & University Drive, northward along University and westward out Crusader Way to Loop 121. With the assistance of Brent Luck, Luck Design Team, Staff determined competitiveness for the grant. The trail would also extend south of the existing trail to the IH35 service road at Confederate Park. The grant is an 80/20 match, with the total project at \$177,000; federal funds requested are \$141,000 and local match at about \$35,000. This could be competitive for funding, provided Texas Parks & Wildlife funding is not cut in budgeting issues.

6. Review Consultation General Services Agreement with Brent Luck of Luck Design Team.

Sam Listi informed the Board of the hourly-based agreement that the City of Belton entered into with Brent Luck of Luck Design Team out of Austin. His services will be utilized for grant processes, including mock scoring. Additionally, we will use Luck Design as part of the potential development of a skate park and dog park in the future. Mr. Listi told the Board that \$7,500 from contingency has been set aside for these services.

7. Receive an update on a consultation meeting conducted with SPA Skateparks regarding a skate park.

Sandy Slade gave the Board an overview of the meeting held with SPA Skateparks. Attached is a map of Chisholm Trail which indicates the park Staff feels would work for a skate park, utilizing the inline skate court and possibly the basketball court. The consulting firm will be sending a cost analysis to Staff for review, based on a phased scope of work. Chair Ring asked about Brent Luck's experience on skate parks. Slade told the Board that the Mr. Luck's experience is limited and, by his suggestion, the City would benefit most from a company that is geared toward skate park development. Further discussion continued regarding lighting, assurance of a converted use, and other possible locations.

8. Receive an update on recreational programs and opportunities.

Sandy Slade updated the Board on current recreational programs, including Zumba, Adult Coed Kickball, Yoga, and the "Let's Get Physical 5K Run & Health Fair". Slade informed the Board of the interest that Wal-Mart has expressed in the upcoming events and the possibility of "teaming" together on future projects. Additionally, Staff held meetings with BISD regarding picking up some of their Community Education Program, which BISD is considering eliminating with the school district budget cuts.

9. Board and/or staff comments.

Mike Ratliff commented that Les Hallbauer and Staff have made tremendous progress on getting the parks back into shape. Also, he informed the Board and public of the great strides that Upward Basketball is making at the First Baptist Church with around 30 to 40 teams.

Mr. Listi informed the Board that budgeted BCYC funding in the amount of \$5,000 had not been requested for fiscal year 2010. The Council approved a budget amendment to re-instate that amount in addition to the FY 2011 amount of \$5,000, to use towards their brick walk fundraising efforts.

10. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.