



## **Joint Parks Board and Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Meeting Minutes**

Harris Community Center, Kinchion Room  
401 N. Alexander Street  
Belton, TX

Monday, May 6, 2013 – 5:30 pm

A joint meeting of the City of Belton Parks Board and Planning and Zoning Commission was held on Monday, May 6, 2013, in the Kinchion Room at the Harris Community Center. Attending the meeting were Parks Board members Diane Ring, Daniel Bucher, and Josh Pearson.

Planning and Zoning Commission members in attendance were Chair Larry Guess, Nicholas Rabroker, Guy O'Banion, Dan Kirkley, Jason Morgan, Rae Schmuck and John Holmes.

City Staff in attendance included City Manager Sam Listi, Assistant City Manager Cristy Daniell, Public Works Director Mike Huber, Planning Director Erin Newcomer, Recreation & Events Director Sandy Slade, Grants/Special Projects Coordinator Aaron Harris, Public Information Officer Paul Romer, and Planning Clerk Laura Livingston.

### **1. Call to order the Parks Board.**

Deferred after #2 agenda item, the Parks Board meeting was called to order by Chair Diane Ring at 5:39 p.m.

### **2. Call to order the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

The Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Chair Larry Guess at 5:34 p.m.

### **3. Receive a presentation on the 2013 Capital Improvement Program regarding project priorities and consider a recommendation to the CIP Committee.**

CIP Chairperson Cliff Peters welcomed all in attendance.

City Manager Sam Listi explained the process of how the priorities outlined in the proposed list of capital improvement projects came to the individual boards and commission for consideration. Mr. Listi then presented the preliminary 2013 Capital Improvement plan. The recommended CIP funding summary includes: public safety, streets, sidewalks, parks and recreation, and traffic signals.

Parks Board Chair and CIP member Diane Ring asked if sidewalks will be required at the new elementary school on Wheat Road. Mr. Listi said BISSD will be required to install sidewalks along the perimeter of the site adjacent to Wheat Road.

P&Z and CIP member Mr. Holmes asked the Parks Board if they have considered how additional parking would affect Beal Park and the surrounding neighborhood. Mrs. Ring stated the Parks Board would like to add four to five parking spaces along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to alleviate congestion due to parking along Beal Street.

P&Z member Mr. Guess asked if there could be bonds issued or a tax increase. Mr. Listi stated a number of different funding scenarios have been discussed. The initial presentation from the financial advisors indicated projects could be completed without a tax increase, but it now appears that a tax increase will be needed for any project list. There are many approaches to address funding that can be taken depending upon the final packet for City Council consideration. The goal is to have a final presentation for City Council at the end of May.

Parks Board and CIP member Josh Pearson stated that he was impressed with the CIP Committee and their ability to consider allocation of limited funds for high priority projects. John Holmes reiterated support for the Committee's work.

P&Z member Mr. Kirkley asked what the cost difference is between a ribbon curb and a standup curb. KPA Engineer Mack Parker stated the cost difference is generally 30% more for a standup curb.

P&Z member Mr. O'Banion asked if UMHB is participating in the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. Mr. Listi replied that UMHB will donate \$200,000.00 and the right-of-way needed for this project.

Assistant City Manager Cristy Daniell stated in 1992 the City's tax rate was \$0.8239. Currently, the tax rate is \$0.6598. City Council members in Belton have made a concerted effort not to increase taxes over an extended period. The last tax increase of six cents was used to man the new fire station. Council quickly decreased the tax rate by three cents over the next two years.

Parks Board member Daniel Bucher made a motion to recommend the Capital Improvement Plan to City Council as proposed. Parks Board member Josh Pearson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Adjourn Parks Board.**

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

**5. Adjourn Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Meeting adjourned 6:31 p.m.