

**MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
December 10, 2007
6:00 PM**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Converse Met for a Regular Meeting at the City Hall Conference Room #1, Located at 405 South Seguin Street, Monday, December 10, 2007 at 6:00 PM and Discussed the Following Agenda Items:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tonya Drake at approximately 6:00 pm. The following members were present:

Ms. Tonya Drake, Chairman	Mr. Jim Neeley, Member
Ms. Sandy Laskowski, Member	Mr. Sam Perez, Jr., Member
Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member	Ms. Angie Martinez, Member
Ms. Nancy Bazany, Council Liaison	Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Recording Secretary

Commission Member, Mr. Rex Brien arrived at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Vice-Chair Pam Kraemer, Members, Mr. Richard Schobinger, Mr. Glenn Laskowski, and Ms. Jennifer White, and Alternate Members, Mr. Jorge Topete, Ms. Brenda Swanson, and Mr. Lance Byrd were not present.

2. Recognition of Visitors.

See attached sign-in sheet for those who were present.

3. Action to Approve Minutes of Meeting Conducted November 5, 2007.

Motion to approve minutes of meeting conducted November 5, 2007 was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Mr. Jim Neeley. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Meeting will Recess for the Decorating Contest Judging Route.

Meeting recessed at 6:03 p.m.

5. Meeting will Re-Convene at City Hall Conference Room.

Meeting re-convened at 8:05 p.m.

City Manager, Sam Hughes along with two guests, Chaplain Dennis Ducharme and Mr. Joe Guastella were present.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Determine the Winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest.

While the judges' score cards were being tallied, Chairman Drake skipped ahead to Agenda Item # 7.

Upon returning to this Agenda Item, the winners were announced as follows:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Residential</u>
1 st Place – KD Logo 9203 Converse Business Lane	1 st Place – Carlton Degenhardt 8203 Cattle Bend
2 nd Place – Front Page Photography 107 Gibbs Sprawl	2 nd Place – Nancy Droneburg 513 Mesquite
No 3 rd Place Winner, there were Only two entries	3 rd Place – Albert Andreolli 346 Lucille

Ms. Angie Martinez volunteered to deliver the 1st Place Residential winner's sign. Mr. Jim Neeley volunteered to deliver the 2nd and 3rd Place Residential winners' signs. Chairman Drake volunteered to deliver the 1st and 2nd Place Business winners' signs.

Chairman Drake requested from the volunteers who will be delivering the signs to remind the winners that they will be acknowledged and receive their prize monies at the next City Council meeting scheduled for December 18, 2007.

Motion to approve the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Ms. Angie Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action for a Special Event in the City Park to be Hosted by the American Legion Post # 593.

Chaplain Dennis Ducharme and Mr. Joe Guastella from American Legion Post # 593 reported on their need for a new building, the estimated cost of the new building (one million dollars), and their plans to raise the funds to construct a new building over the course of the next four to seven years.

Chaplain Ducharme and Mr. Guastella presented literature and briefed the Commission on the many types of assistance their organization provides to the local community and their plans for the proposed special event.

Chairman Drake informed Chaplain Ducharme and Mr. Guastella of the available dates for their event, June 6-8, 2008.

Motion to approve the use of the City Park from June 2 through 9, 2008 for a special event hosted by the American Legion Post # 593 was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Mr. Jim Neeley. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Review Recommendation from Park Relocation Committee and Appropriate Action for Location of Red Schumann Pavilion.

Mr. Sam Hughes, City Manager, provided the Commission members with a visual aid and pointed out on the map the recommended location of the pavilion (just north of the lake at North Park). Mr. Hughes also mentioned plans for a road and a parking lot nearby to support the pavilion.

There was an inquiry regarding plans for restroom facilities in the future.

A member of the Park Relocation Committee verified plans for restroom facilities.

Another question was whether the original pavilion on Station Street would be relocated or would a newly constructed pavilion be placed at North Park.

Mr. Hughes responded by explaining that the cost of the project either way will be the determining factor. Right now, the plan is to tear down the original pavilion and use the existing structural steel but purchase new insulation, concrete slab foundation, roofing, and paint.

Motion to approve the recommendation from the Park Relocation Committee for the location of the Red Schumann Pavilion was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Mr. Rex Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

See attached report.

Chairman Drake called for a recess at 8:29 p.m.

Chairman Drake called the meeting back to order at 8:34 pm.

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10. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

Discussion included:

- Follow-up discussion regarding the Christmas Decorating Contest.
- Future planning for Night in Ole Converse 2008.

11. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – January 14, 2008, at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Conference Room.

10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 pm by Chairman Drake.