

**MEETING  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
May 12, 2008  
6:30 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, May 12, 2008 at 6:30 PM and Discussed the Following Agenda Items:

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tonya Drake at 6:33 pm. The following members were present:

Ms. Tonya Drake, Chairman	Mr. Sam Perez, Jr., Member
Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member	Ms. Pam Kraemer, Member
Ms. Diana Pannell, Member	Ms. Brenda Swanson, Member
Ms. Nancy Bazany, Council Liaison	Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Secretary

- \* Vice-Chair Sandy Laskowski arrived at approximately 6:35 p.m.
- \* Mr. Rex Brien arrived at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Angie Martinez and Mr. Glenn Laskowski and Alternate Members, Mr. Jorge Topete and Mr. Lance Byrd were not present.

**2. Recognition of Visitors.**

Mr. Randy Pannell (Fire and EMS Commission), Ms. Becky Johnson (Salitrillo Creek Partners, LLC), Ms. Dorian Jauregui (Fire and EMS Commission Chairman), Councilman Chris Drake, and Mr. Chris Bazany (Fire and EMS Commission Vice-Chair) were all recognized.

**3. Action to Approve Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted April 14, 2008.**

There were two requests for corrections:

- Ms. Brenda Swanson requested a change to page two, line # 9, “Mr. Jim Neeley, Mr. Sam Perez, Jr., Mr. Glenn Laskowski, and Vice-Chair Laskowski were all opposed.” Ms. Brenda Swanson’s vote was left out. The line should read, “Mr. Jim Neeley, Mr. Sam Perez, Jr., Mr. Glenn Laskowski, Vice-Chair Laskowski, **and Ms. Brenda Swanson** were all opposed.”

- Mr. Jeff Beehler requested a change to page two, the paragraph immediately above agenda item # 4, right after, “Seconded by Mr. Jeff Beehler.” (Approximately fifty-two minutes into the meeting.) Mr. Beehler raised a point of order which was not mentioned in the minutes. The point of order was as follows: Mr. Beehler asked Mr. Jim Neeley if Mr. Tom Neeley (Lion’s Club) was his father. Mr. Jim Neeley replied, “Yes.” Mr. Beehler then pointed out that Mr. Jim Neeley should abstain from the vote to approve the park relocation plan. Mr. Jim Neeley responded, “No, I shouldn’t.”

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted April 14, 2008 with the above mentioned corrections was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Drake, Ms. Pannell, and Ms. Kraemer abstained from the vote due to absences.

**\* Chairman Drake skipped ahead to Agenda Item # 6. Red Schumann Pavilion Re-Dedication Ceremony Discussion.**

Ms. Becky Johnson of Salitrillo Creek Partners, LLC. and Ms. Dorian Jauregui, Chairman of the Fire and EMS Commission addressed the Commission members regarding the upcoming event. At that time, Ms. Johnson and Chairman Jauregui reported on the activities involved with the event and expressed their need for volunteers. The Commission was asked for any kind of assistance they could provide.

**4. Action to Approve Waiver of Fees for Beautification and Environmental Commission Booth at Night in Ole Converse 2008.**

Motion to approve waiver of fees for Beautification and Environmental Commission booth at Night in Ole Converse 2008 was made by Ms. Pam Kraemer. Seconded by Ms. Brenda Swanson. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Night in Ole Converse 2008 Discussion.**

- A. Entertainment.**
- B. Advertising.**
- C. Arts & Crafts.**
- D. Food Vendors.**
- E. Live Auction.**
- F. Sponsorship.**
- G. Parade.**
- H. Talent Show.**
- I. Extreme Night.**
- J. Grievance Committee.**
- K. Weenie Toss.**
- L. Bull Riding.**
- M. Beer Vendors.**
- N. Parking.**

Discussion as follows:

- Chairman Drake passed around a sample of the proposed new NIOC 2008 logo.
- Chairman Drake reported that alternate member, Mr. Jorge Topete, is currently working on advertising for NIOC 2008.
- A request for an action item next month to approve the new NIOC logo.
- Ms. Pam Kraemer reported on 35 letters sent out to past vendors, new vendor ID badges to be used, and negotiations to obtain a mobile ATM unit.
- Mr. Rex Brien volunteered to take over auction duties to replace Mr. Jim Neeley who recently resigned from the Commission.
- Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported that bull riding will have to take place on Saturday night instead of Friday night due to PBR scheduling conflicts and, as a result, the car show will also have to be moved to possibly Sunday instead of Saturday. A possible PBR presentation at next P&R meeting. Other activities to be planned for Friday night.
- No report on the cake walk.
- Ms. Pam Kraemer volunteered to invite City Council members to participate in the dunking booth.
- A request for an action item next month to approve wrist bands to be included in Extreme Night admission.
- Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported on communication with a former car show promoter who is now an entertainment promoter and can incorporate entertainment into the car show. A possible presentation from this promoter in the future.
- Mr. Rex Brien reported there is still a need for several more community service workers this year, particularly 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. A suggestion to contact the Municipal Court was made.
- Chairman Drake inquired who provides the dunking booth for NIOC each year. Vice-Chair Laskowski responded that there is a man who provides the dunking booth but she could not recall his name. A to Z Rentals was mentioned but it was determined that A to Z would not donate the use of the dunking booth. Suggestions were made to contact Judson ISD Board Members and Judson High School's Principal and/or Coach for their participation. Another suggestion made was to have the dunking booth on Sunday as well as Saturday.
- Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported on contacts with several different musical entertainers, most of which were already booked. Gary P. Nunn was available for \$4500 for two hours plus two hotel rooms and a sound system. Also available was Rodney Hayden of Pleasanton and John Conley. Details to come. Mr. Perez reported that he had not contacted Billy Mata and Two Tons of Steel because he was unclear as to whether or not the Commission Members would want to use some new bands or continue using the same bands that have been booked in the past. All Commission Members agreed to help seek out bands. Action item at next meeting to give Mr. Perez the authority to book bands for NIOC at his discretion.
- Vice-Chair Sandy Laskowski reported that she hasn't sent out food vendor letters yet.
- Ms. Brenda Swanson made several suggestions regarding Sunday's events which included: a coloring contest, kiddie parade, sidewalk chalk painting, excluding the talent show, stage show to replace talent show, and having San Antonio Safe House or McGruff present.

- Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported that he has not yet sent out parade applications. Ms. Pam Kraemer offered to assist Mr. Perez with this project. Mr. Perez also reported on making contact with the Fort Sam Band and possibly obtaining Jesse James Leja for the Grand Marshal.
- Volunteers are still needed for parking.
- Several suggestions on the Talent Show including discontinuation and church choir competition. Next meeting, action on the talent show.
- Weenie Toss to be moved to Sunday.
- Ms. Brenda Swanson reported no changes with Extreme Night but she has reconsidered having Rock/Paper/Scissors all weekend long and has decided to keep it strictly on Thursday night at least for the first time. Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. offered to contact two bands, Drive and Tribal 3, to perform on Thursday night. Ms. Swanson also mentioned plans for a more advanced Guitar Hero.
- Ms. Pam Kraemer commented on the lack of accessibility of the grievance committee at NIOC last year. Next meeting, action to vote on grievance committee.
- Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported that he attempted to contact several beer vendors with no luck. Mr. Perez requested the assistance of City Staff in obtaining better contact information to aid in his search for beer vendors.
- A suggestion for an activity participation application was made for parties interested in performing miscellaneous talents free of charge at NIOC. Chairman Drake volunteered to prepare one.
- Ms. Brenda Swanson reported on a letter she had prepared to send out to non-profit groups such as the American Legion, Boy Scouts, etc. to assist with kiddie carnival games on Sunday.
- Ms. Brenda Swanson made a suggestion to invite a food bank and/or the Lion's Club to accept canned goods or eyeglasses at the admission gates in exchange for discounted admission.

**6. Red Schumann Pavilion Re-Dedication Ceremony Discussion.**

\* Discussed between agenda items three and four.

**7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting.**

Items for next meeting as follows:

- NIOC 2008.

**8. Briefing by City Council Liaison.**

Councilwoman Bazany reported on the following:

- Election results.
- Recent commission appointments.
- City employee recognized for five years of service.

- Ordinance 612 approved.
- A request to rezone Rocket Self Storage to Light Industrial was approved.
- A six-month variance to allow Vantage at Converse Apartments to advertise on an adjacent vacant lot was approved.
- Maranatha Bible Church was granted a variance to allow them to keep a flashing LED sign.
- Ordinance 209 was approved.
- City Council was briefed on the City's self-funded health insurance plan and voted to continue the plan with a small increase per month to both the employees and the City.
- A submitted bid to construct sanitary sewer mains and a lift station was disapproved.
- A request from Judson ISD to waive the water impact fees for the construction of the new stadium was disapproved.
- Chief of Police, Rick Jamison, reported apprehension of two daytime burglary suspects.
- National Night Out has been moved from the first Tuesday of August to the first Tuesday in October.
- New online bill pay for water accessible through the City website.
- Possible reconstruction of Toepperwein between FM 1976 and Meadow Forge to begin this year.

**9. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – June 9, 2008, at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Conference Room.**

**10. Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Drake at approximately 7:53 p.m.