

**MEETING  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
June 9, 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, June 9, 2008 at 6:30 PM and Discussed the Following Agenda Items:

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Sandy Laskowski at 6:35 pm. The following members were present:

Ms. Sandy Laskowski, Vice-Chair	Mr. Sam Perez, Jr., Member
Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member	Ms. Pam Kraemer, Member
Ms. Diana Pannell, Member	Mr. Rex Brien, Member
Dr. Mary Riley, Council Liaison	Mr. Sam Hughes, City Manager
Ms. Leigh Ann Rogers, Secretary	

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

**2. Recognition of Visitors.**

Ms. Joan Lindgren, Mr. Steve Brown, Mr. Randy Pannell, Councilman Chris Drake, Councilman Rene Rodriguez, Jr., and Ms. Jennifer White were recognized.

Mr. Steve Brown expressed appreciation for all of the hard work of the Parks and Recreation Commission members and recommended taking careful consideration into the selection of a new Chairman.

Vice-Chair Laskowski reported on the recent resignation of the Chairman, Ms. Tonya Drake. Vice-Chair Laskowski also mentioned that she never received any kind of formal, written notification from Ms. Drake regarding her resignation and reminded everyone that as a courtesy to the rest of the Commission members, letters of resignation should be shared with all of the parties affected.

**3. Action to Approve Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted May 12, 2008.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted May 12, 2008 was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Ms. Diana Pannell. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pam Kraemer abstained from the vote because she did not receive an agenda packet in the mail prior to the meeting and did not have the opportunity to review the minutes.

**4. Discussion of Separation of Parks and Recreation Commission and Events. (Jeff Beehler)**

A motion to table this discussion until a later date was made by Ms. Pam Kraemer. Seconded by Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. Motion **PASSED** with four (Kraemer, Perez, Laskowski, and Brien) in favor of and two (Beehler and Pannell) against.

**5. Discussion and Action for Night in Ole Converse 2008:**

- 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.**
- O. Car Show.**
- P. Cake Walk.**
- Q. Dunking Booth**
- R. Community Service.**
- S. Family Day.**

Discussion as follows:

- A. Entertainment – Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported that Billy Mata is available for \$2000 (including sound system) for Friday night. Mr. Perez also suggested Texas Music Night on Saturday night featuring Train Wreck (\$550) and Rodney Hayden (\$2000). Other bands discussed were Bliss, Cactus Country, Patsy Torres, and a local band that recently played at the Legion Jubilee. City Manager, Mr. Sam Hughes advised Mr. Perez to look for Tejano and rock bands in addition to the country music bands in an effort to make the music appealing to everyone in the crowd. Mr. Perez asked for assistance from City Staff to arrange the sound system equipment contracts.

- B. Advertising - Vice-Chair Sandy Laskowski and Ms. Jennifer White volunteered to assist Mr. Jorge Topete with advertising. City Manager, Mr. Sam Hughes, advised that advertising is very important and the Commission should strive to get the most exposure for the best price whether they choose to go with newspaper, television, or radio.
- C. Arts & Crafts – Ms. Pam Kraemer reported that she is just waiting for the applicants to come forward at this point as she has already made all of her contacts.
- D. Food Vendors – Vice-Chair Laskowski reported that she is also just waiting for applicants to come in.
- E. Live Auction - Mr. Rex Brien reported that he is in the process of compiling a mass mail-out list at the present time and should have it ready to go out in approximately two weeks. Mr. Brien also requested contact information for the auctioneer, Mr. Tex Farnsworth. Vice-Chair Laskowski mentioned to Mr. Brien that Mr. Jim Neeley, who was formerly responsible for the auction and sponsorship, offered his assistance if needed.
- F. Sponsorship – Mr. Rex Brien requested the assistance of City Staff to research previous sponsors for NIOC.
- G. Parade – Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported on several entries that he has received. Ms. Pam Kraemer reported that she mailed out approximately 50 application letters. Mr. Perez also requested the formation of a sub-committee to assist with the parade.
- H. Talent Show – the Commission voted to have no talent show this year.
- I. Extreme Night – Ms. Jennifer White volunteered her notary services for Thursday night. Ms. White also made a suggestion to use one of the ticket booths at the front gate as a location for a notary for the Extreme Night participation sign-in.
- J. Grievance Committee – a partial grievance committee was formed which included Mr. Jeff Beehler and Ms. Jennifer White.
- K. Weenie Toss – Logistics and expenses involved with this activity were discussed and deemed minimal. Councilman Rene Rodriguez, Jr. volunteered his wife and himself to assist.
- L. Bull Riding – Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported that the bull riders are paid for by sponsors (\$7000) and the City could make money by selling separate tickets to enter the bull riding area. Mr. Perez also reported that a decision needs to be made prior to August which is the deadline for booking. City Manager, Mr. Sam Hughes, inquired about the amount of land space required for an event of this nature. Mr. Perez responded, “50-60 feet.” Mr. Hughes also expressed concern that this may not be the best year to attempt hosting this event due to several recent resignations and being behind in schedule as a whole for NIOC. More discussion next meeting.
- M. Beer Vendors – Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. reported making contact with Halo and Bud. City Manager, Mr. Sam Hughes, explained to Mr. Perez the process of accepting sponsorship proposals.
- N. Parking – Mr. Jeff Beehler suggested offering the parking to the Beautification and Environmental Commission and volunteered to approach them with the offer.
- O. Car Show – **A motion to proceed with the car show was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. Motion passed unanimously.** The car show will take place on Sunday, weather permitting. Trophies will need to be ordered. The location of the car show will be either ball field three or four.
- P. Cake Walk – no report.
- Q. Dunking Booth – no report.

- R. Community Service – Mr. Rex Brien reported to City Manager, Mr. Sam Hughes, that he is working on a proposed schedule and will submit that for approval soon.
- S. Family Day – Ms. Brenda Swanson was not present to discuss her ideas for family day. Table discussion until next meeting.

**6. Discussion and Action to Approve Wrist Bands for Extreme Night.**

Motion to approve wrist bands for Extreme Night was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Mr. Rex Brien. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**7. Discussion and Action to Approve Designating Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. as the Representative for the Parks and Recreation Commission to Obtain Music Contracts for NIOC 2008.**

Motion to approve designating Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. as the representative for the Parks and Recreation Commission to obtain music contracts for NIOC 2008 was made by Ms. Pam Kraemer. Seconded by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**8. Action to Approve or Disapprove the Talent Show for NIOC 2008.**

Motion to **DISAPPROVE** having a Talent Show for NIOC 2008 was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Seconded by Ms. Diana Pannell. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**9. Discussion and Action to Establish a Grievance Committee for NIOC 2008.**

A motion to establish a grievance committee consisting of Mr. Jeff Beehler, Ms. Jennifer White, and a third, yet to be named, person was made by Ms. Diana Pannell. Mr. Sam Perez, Jr. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**10. Action to Approve or Disapprove Proposed New NIOC Logo.**

Motion to approve the proposed logo was made by Mr. Jeff Beehler. Motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion to **DISAPPROVE** the proposed logo was made by Vice-Chair Sandy Laskowski. Seconded by Ms. Pam Kraemer. Motion **PASSED** with five (Laskowski, Kraemer, Brien, Perez, Pannell) in favor of and one (Beehler) against.

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

Items for next meeting as follows:

- NIOC 2008.

**12. Briefing by City Council Liaison.**

Dr. Mary Riley reported on the following:

- Compliments to the Commission members on all of their hard work.
- Proclamations 247 & 248.
- New commission member appointments.
- Acknowledgement of receipt of an e-mail from Tonya Drake regarding her resignation.
- A recommendation for the vacant Chairman position, Ms. Joan Lindgren.
- A request for comments regarding the Chairman position and her recommendation by Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- A promise of support and expression of happiness to be involved with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

**14. Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned by Vice-Chair Laskowski at approximately 8:55 p.m.