

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
December 14, 2009
6:30 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Converse met for a regular meeting in the City Hall Conference Room, located at 403 S. Seguin to discuss the following Agenda items:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chairman Kraemer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call.

Ms. Pam Kraemer, Chairman
Mr. Sam Perez, Vice-Chair
Mr. Rex Brien, Member
Ms. Kathy Selko, Member

Mr. Jeff Beehler, Member
Mr. Chris Bazany, Alternate Member
Councilman John Shadron, Liaison
Ms. Jackie Gaines, Secretary

Members not present: Ms. Harris contacted the Chair and is excused from meeting, Alternate Member; Mr. Bazany is excused as well

3. Citizens to be Heard. This time is provided for Citizens to Address Parks and Recreation Commission On Any Issues and Concerns. No Parks and Recreation Commission Discussion or Action Can Be Taken if the Item is Not on the Agenda. Please Limit Your Remarks to Three (3) Minutes and State Your Name and Address for the Record.

No citizens to be heard.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Conducted November 9, 2009.

Ms. Selko made a motion to approve. Mr. Brien seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting conducted November 9, 2009 passed with five for, Kraemer, Beehler, Brien, Perez, and Selko and one abstention from Vidal due to not being in attendance for meeting.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Develop and Approve a Contract with St. Monica's School for the Use of the Baseball Fields.

The Commission reviewed a copy of the JYSF contract to use as a template for the St. Monica's School softball contract. Mr. Brien volunteered to make contact with St. Monica's after the JYSF meeting and bring the details of the contract to Mr. Hughes to write up the contract for St. Monica's School.

Mr. Perez made a motion to develop a contract to approve after all parties have met to work out the details. Mr. Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Upgrade the Municipal Swimming Pool.

Ms. Selko contacted various pool companies to give a bid on an upgrade of the municipal swimming pool and pool area. Mr. West of Custom Pools agreed to look at the swimming pool in January. Councilman Shadron suggested looking ahead at what the commission would like to have in the city budget for 2011. Re-surface the pool, paint, and add places to sit are concerns of the Commission. Mr. Perez, Ms. Selko, and Mr. Beehler are the Pool Committee members. Chairman Kraemer asked if the item was tabled, will the committee have information for the next meeting.

Ms. Selko made a motion to table item until next meeting. Mr. Beehler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to table until the January meeting.

7. Discussion of a Community Needs Assessment Survey.

Chairman Kraemer passed out a survey from Universal City. Mr. Brien suggested completing a couple of projects and still use the survey. Mr. Brien volunteered to tailor the survey to bring back for approval in January.

8. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Councilman Shadron gave a brief update from the two latest City Council meetings:

- Denied a dog variance.
- Discussed the industrial park and voted to lay the idea to the side for a while.
- Approved a two year renewal contract to Robert Ramirez as the Municipal Judge
- Tier 1 and 2 street repairs
- Update of the North Park restrooms
- Bid for Schaeffer road came in \$8,000 under budget.

9. Discussion of Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Action to approve survey.
- Action to approve the details of the St. Monica's softball contract.
- Action to review and approve the JYSF contracts.
- Update from the Pool Committee and action to approve an improvement plan.
- Update from the Cookbook Committee.
- Action to approve an "Adopt a Bench Program". (Councilman Shadron).
- Inviting guest speakers, Leon Stubbs and Becky Johnson to present information for a master plan.

-Mr. Beehler suggested meeting more than once a month; work on cleaning out brush areas with volunteers, and working hands-on at the parks.
-Look into moving the North Park football field, (Councilman Shadron).
-Appointment of Chairman; Chairman Kraemer asked to not be re-considered as Chair but may consider staying on the Commission as an alternate member.

10. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – January 11, 2010.

11. Adjournment.

Chairman Kraemer adjourned the meeting at 7:18 P.M.