

**PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS  
FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Leon Valley Conference Center, at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION, 7 P.M.**

**1. Call the City of Leon Valley Regular Park Commission Meeting to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.** Chairman Bert Thomas called the Regular Park Commission Meeting to order at 7 p.m., with the following Park Commissioners in attendance: Commissioners Roger Christensen, John Stanley, Monica Alcocer, Linda Tarin, Jackie Walton, and Carolyn Gabriel. Absent and excused were Commissioners Benay Cacciatore, and Dorothy Humphrey. Also present were City Council member Benny Martinez and City Staff member David Dimaline.

**2. Review and Approval of the January 13, 2015 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Chairman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2015 Regular Park Commission meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Stanley. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Presentation – Silo Park**

Staff member Dimaline gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Silo Park, depicting the results of the latest surveys received.

**4. Public Hearing – Proposed Silo Park.**

Chairman Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

Resident Robert Jarzombek, 7210 Grass Valley Drive, stated that he was not in favor of developing this park, indicating his concerns regarding upkeep and noting that this would cause the Public Works employees to perform additional duties.

Mrs. Madelyn Benson, 6522 Hoofs Lane, stated that she was tired of the noise and was not in favor of making any improvements to this parcel. She stated she wanted it left alone.

Resident Vickie Jamvold, 7203 Poss Road, stated that she was in favor of having the park developed as an adult oriented park. She noted that it could be a place to relax and get away from all the activities occurring at Raymond Rimkus Park.

Councilmember Martinez stated that he was pleased the Park Commission was holding these public hearings. He noted that, from what he had heard at the

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public hearings, most of the residents want to keep the proposed park simple, using landscaping as fencing.

Resident Mary Key, 7418 Canterfield, stated that she had been a resident of the Canterfield neighborhood since 1972. She encouraged the Park Commission to take a look at Connor Park, located at the corner of Hausman and Babcock roads. She also asked if the City had looked into any underwriting or partnerships for funding improvements to the proposed park. She also asked if there could be a playscape located in this park.

There being no further speakers, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing at 8:25 pm. Chairman Bert Thomas addressed the group and proposed that a meeting be set for March 2, 2015 so that the Commission could prepare their final recommendations to be forwarded to the City Council on March 9, 2015.

**5. Reports: Activities that impact the Park or Access to the Park:**

**A. David Dimaline: Update on Community Garden.**

**B. David Dimaline: Update on Park Rehabilitation.**

**C. David Dimaline: Update on the status of the Hike and Bike Trail.**

Staff member Dimaline gave quick reports on all the activities. The Commission then went into a roundtable discussion.

**6. Commissioner's and Staff's comments:**

Commissioner Christensen stated that there was a lot of graffiti in the park. He wanted to know how the City coordinates with each department to address graffiti and vandalism. He noted that people are in the park late at night after it closes. He then asked that the excess concrete be removed from the garden plots, and noted that the drainage at his plot and several others were inadequate. He stated that the mulch in the children's playground needed to be raked for even coverage.

Chairman Thomas asked how much the City paid to resurface the tennis courts. He noted that children had been skateboarding on the courts. He also noted that there was a muddy section of the softball outfield next to the walking trail that needed to be improved.

Commissioner Walton requested that the other basketball goal be reinforced with additional steel, as she was concerned about damage to the goals.

Commissioner Alcocer made a motion that the Park Commission meet on March 2, 2015, to finalize the Commission's recommendations for the proposed Silo Park, and then forward the recommendations to the City Council at the March 9, 2015 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gabriel.

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Commissioner Gabriel asked about signage at the new park, specifically the type to be placed at entrances and exits.

**7. Adjourn.** Commissioner Christensen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Alcocer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.



**Chairman Bert Thomas**



**Date**