

**LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The Leon Valley Park Commission met on the 11th day of February, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION

1. Call the Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.

Chairman Bert Thomas called the regular Park Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Bert Thomas, and Commissioners Linda Tarin, Bill Cooper, Scott Baird, Benay Cacciatore, and Jackie Walton. Chairman Thomas introduced new member Jackie Walton to the Commission. Absent and excused was Commissioner John Stanley. Also present was City Council liaison Jack Dean and City Staff Member Melinda Moritz. Let the record show that a quorum was present.

2. Consider Approval of the January 14, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Baird requested a correction to the minutes to reflect that he was appointed to the Historical Society because of his membership on the Park Commission, and then made a motion to approve the January 14, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

4. Reports: Activities that Impact the Park or Access to the Park.

- a. Purchase of Playground equipment to replace Slides located behind the Community Garden.

Ms. Moritz informed the Commission that she had met with a Lea Park & Play playground contractor at the park and that he recommended the metal slides be removed immediately, as they were considered a head entrapment hazard, and that they had immediately been removed. She further informed the Commission that she had applied for a grant for some new playground equipment to replace the old slides and would report on the status of the grant at the next meeting.

She also explained that any new playground equipment in that area would be better placed near the restrooms and ball field, as parents could more quickly lead their toddlers to the restroom facilities and could also watch the ball games and their smaller children playing on the new equipment at the same time. She asked the Commission to visit the site and let her know if this would be acceptable at their next meeting.

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b. New Silo Park and detention pond near Huebner Road.

Chairman Thomas asked the Commission what they wanted to name the proposed pocket park off Huebner and suggested the name "Silo Park". Ms. Moritz showed the Commission an aerial photo of the land in question. Chairman Thomas listed a number of amenities that could be placed in that area, such as a small playground area.

c. New Park Brochure

Chairman Thomas stated that a new park brochure had been developed and explained that all the park rules had been included in the brochure, along with the prices for rental of the various areas in the park. Ms. Moritz explained that at present, the park rules were not available to the public and were only handed out to the renters, but in the future, the brochure would be available to the public at City Hall, the Library, in the park, and on the City's Website.

Chairman Thomas called for a vote to accept the proposed brochure. Commissioner Baird motioned to approve the park brochure, seconded by Commissioner Walton. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Scope of Park Rehabilitation, if study is completed.

Chairman Thomas informed the Commission that the City Council had made a decision regarding the new Hike & Bike Trail alignment and asked Ms. Moritz to show the Commission the presentation that was shown at the City Council meeting. Ms. Moritz presented the information and a general discussion was held.

5. Commissioners' and Staff's Comments:

Commissioner Cacciatore asked about donating and planting a tree in the park, in honor of Rita Burnside's mother's passing. Ms. Moritz answered that there was a procedure in place for such donations and that she would get her the information.

6. Announcements:

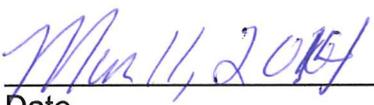
Chairman Thomas stated that the next Park Commission Meeting would be held in the City Council Chambers at Leon Valley City Hall on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Baird motioned to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tarin. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Chairman Bert Thomas



Date