

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the November 14, 2007 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Possible PERS and Salary Adjustment Changes

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER, 2007

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Ms. Marilyn Thomas Jones, Vice President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2007 regular meeting as written. A second was provided by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

President Black, taking notice of visitors, asked if they had a need to address the Board.

Mr. Rick Simmons and Mr. Lennie Lytle of the newly formed Canton Youth Football League presented to the Board their organization's goals and how they hope to accomplish those goals. They told the Board that not only do they have \$1,000,000 in liability insurance, but they also planned on having insurance on each child. They also stated that they were planning on using Don Scott Field for their games, but may be interested in Crenshaw should there be schedule problems.

The Board pointed out that Crenshaw Park had already been assigned to another group and was therefore unavailable. The Board stated that should it become known to them that the group Crenshaw Park was assigned to no longer needed the use of the park that they would entertain a request from this new group at that time.

Mr. Simmons also turned in a list of parks they would like to use for practice fields. The Director informed them that the Recreation District assigned the practice areas, and they would need to talk to them; however, the same situation may exist with the practice areas already being assigned.

Both gentlemen thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press - The Director informed the Board that Council had passed an ordinance authorizing a license between the City and Pinnacle Press and that the Law Department was working on the agreement.

The issue remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Possible PERS and Salary Adjustment Changes - The Director explained to the Board that Council could pass changes to the way PERS contributions are made for City Management and non-bargaining unit employees before the end of the year. If they did the changes would involve an adjustment in the salaries of the effected personnel.

He requested that the Board consider passing a motion that should Council take such action for City employees that the same changes would be approved under the same terms for like Park Commission employees.

Mr. Black made a motion to that effect. Mr. Winberry provided a second, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Winberry brought up the fact that there were people raising the issue of saving the trees at Playground D that are in danger due to the planned new fire station. It was discussed that there was little chance that the trees could be saved given the scope of the plan project. Also discussed was the fact that even though the project had been on Council agenda to be put of for bid, the Park Commission had not been approached about the release of control and management of the property in question.

It was decided to send a letter to the Law Director with regard to the fire station project and other ordinances involving the Park Commission. The letter would be signed by the Park Commissioners.

2. The Director informed the Board that he had received a notice for liquor permit involving a business outside the City limits, but within 500 feet of Stadium Park.

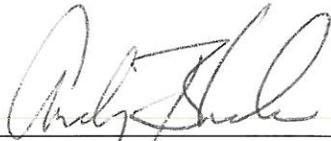
After a brief discussion, a motion was made by M. Thomas Jones to object to the request, but not request a hearing on the matter. A second was made by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

3. The Director stated that he had received a letter from the outgoing Mayor of the reappointment of Ms. Thomas Jones to a new term on the Board beginning January 1, 2008. He told the Board that he had contacted the Law Director to make sure the appointment was procedurally correct since the current Mayor would not be Mayor at the start of the new term.

Ms. Thomas Jones stated that she felt that if the Director had a question regarding the reappointment that he should have contacted the Mayor and not the Law Director.

4. Mr. Black asked if notice to Civil Service had gone out for the test for the Park Police Sergeant position. The Director stated that it had, but that he had not heard anything. Mr. Black asked that the Director check on the status.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary