

**AGENDA**

**CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**

**GARDEN CENTER BUILDING**

**4:00 P.M.**

Reading of the minutes of the August 11, 2010 regular meeting

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Old Riverside Park Issues
2. Park Brochure Development
3. McKinley Park Plans
4. Dominion Easement Reifsnyder/Oak Parks
5. Grant requests Bup Rearick Park

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Derek Gordon - Recreational Service Assessment Presentation
2. Possible Dominion Easement - Martindale Park
3. PAC Neighborhood Association requesting to use Nimisilla Park on August 19, 2011, to hold their annual Back to School Celebration

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## CANTON PARK COMMISSION

### BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER, 2010

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at the Garden Center Building. The meeting had been rescheduled from September 8, 2010.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Frank Morris III, Member; Mr. Douglas Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director. There were also a few guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Reading of the minutes of the August 11, 2010 regular meeting. A motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes as written. A second was provided by F. Morris, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Old Riverside Park Issues - The Director reported that he had heard from Mr. Burns at the Law Department. Mr. Burns had told him that the State was asking for more information.

Mr. Black stated he had also talked to Mr. Burns, and he knew that Mr. Burns had responded to the State so we were in a waiting mode once again.

2. Park Brochure Development - The Director reported that he had talked to the City Engineer's Office, and they had told him that they have been so busy that they have not had the time to work on the map.

Mr. Black stated he would talk to Mr. Moeglin about it.

3. McKinley Park Plans -The Board reviewed the draft construction budget estimate and the picture board. Mr. Black asked the Director to take a look at the costs to see what could be done by Park staff as inkind costs for potential grant requests.

A question was asked if there would be any money left over from the new Federal building for the project: Mr. Gordon of the Mayor's office said the Service Director would be the person to ask. Mr. Black stated he would talk to Director Price about that possibility. Councilmember Smith stated she would support the project.

4. Dominion Easement Reifsnnyder/Oak Parks - The Director reported that he had heard nothing new about how the process was going. No one else had anything new to report at this point.
5. Grant Requests Bup Rearick Park - The Director reported that neither the NatureWorks Grant or the LWCF Grant was approved for this year. He also stated that both would be put back into consideration for the next round in 2011.

Mr. Black asked if anything could be done to make the request stronger. The Director stated that he had asked the State that question and was told that the NatureWorks Grant had just been beat by a few points this year so it was strong. He had also been told that the LWCF grant did not score well and most likely would not do well with what was being asked.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Derek Gordon - Recreational Service Assessment Presentation - Mr. Jim Reinhard and Mr. Derek Gordon presented the Board with the results of a survey that had been done recently to assess the combined efficiency of the recreational opportunities provided by the many organizations in the Canton area. There was some discussion regarding examples where communication had been poor between organizations.

Mr. Black asked if there were recommendations yet. Mr. Gordon stated they were close to having recommendations based on the survey results.

2. Possible Dominion Easement - Martindale Park - The Director informed the Board that Dominion was now looking at an easement across Martindale Park due to a problem with their first route.

The Board expressed no objections to a possible easement, but would not approve one until they had a final plan and knew of the fee to be collected by the City. It was discussed that funds from an easement at Martindale could be used for the planned trail or bridge.

The Director was instructed to send a letter to the Service Director explaining their position.

3. PAC Neighborhood Association requesting to use Nimisilla Park on August 19, 2011, to hold their annual Back to School Celebration - The Board reviewed the above request. A motion was then made by F. Morris to approve the request with an insurance requirement. A second was provided by A. Black, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Park Police Evaluation - The Director provided the Board with an evaluation based on scheduled hours to hours worked between 2009 and 2010.

The Board noted that Mr. Angelo was not at the meeting and decided to wait until all the members were present to review the information.

2. Councilmember Chris Smith stated she had several items to discuss.

First - The City and she were sponsoring a small parade down Sherrick Road on September 26 and requested the use of Reiter Park for staging and Crenshaw Park for parking. Mr. Black asked the Director if there were any conflicts. The Director stated there were not as the Councilperson had told him of the plans before, and he had blocked out the shelters at Crenshaw Park.

Since the City was sponsoring the event, the Board had no objections to the park use.

Second - The Councilperson asked about parking tickets being issued at Crenshaw Park during a Midget Football game.

The Director explained that the basic reason for the parking problem was that the activity was very successful, but was too large for the facility. He stated that this has been an ongoing problem over the past few years, and he and the Assistant Director have worked with the league to try and solve the problem. People have parked all over the park while nearby parking lots sat mostly empty. The Director stated they were trying to protect the park from damage, enforce park rules, and because of the number of kids in the program and the number of cars in this area - provide for the safety of all involved. He also told her that some people drove over signs posted that stated there was no parking on the grass.

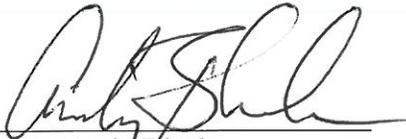
Ideas to try and make the problem better were discussed. The Director told Councilperson Smith that he or his staff would be glad to go to a meeting with her and the league if she wanted to arrange one. The Assistant Director stated that the staff would drop off barricades so that the league could control the parking area in the park and stop letting people in when available parking was gone.

The third issue Councilperson Smith asked about was the skateboard equipment at West Park. She stated she had a letter from a young man asking about replacing the equipment. He would even be willing to build some himself. The Director said it would not be a good idea from a liability standpoint to allow him to construct such equipment to be used on City property. He also told her he was aware of the equipment that needed replaced and had requested money in the capital requests before, but had not received it. Mr. Morris suggested that maybe the Recreation District could do something next year. It was also discussed that looking for donations might also help.

3. Mrs. Sarver of the O.U.R. Neighborhood group spoke and stated how glad she was that the new playground sign had been installed at the Bernard Ave. Playground. She stated the neighborhood group was planning to have a sign dedication on October 17, 2010, at around 12:30 p.m.

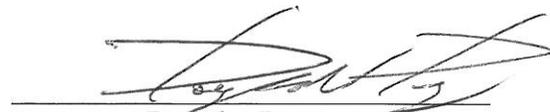
There also was discussion about the group providing the labor to paint the fence and swings at the park. The Director stated that he would provide the paint for such a project.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



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Andy Black  
President



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Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary