

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**REGULAR MEETING****Monday, October 8, 2001**

Present: June Bailey, Glen Dey, M.S. Mitchell, Trix Niernberger, and Joe Todd

Absent: Janet Miller

Also Present: Mike North, Law Department; Doug Kupper and Maryann Crockett (staff)

President Mitchell called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2001, were reviewed and approved.

1. **Discussion of Possible Land Acquisition.** Director Kupper referred board members to maps of property located at Hydraulic and 55th St. South. He commented that a portion of the property was part of the former Meyer Nursery site and that the entire parcel consisted of approximately 45 acres. He also mentioned that a plan was being discussed to install playground equipment at the Water Treatment Plant located on South Hydraulic.

After brief discussion, the Board requested that staff research the possibility of adding the lake site located adjacent to the parcel to the acquisition.

2. **Report on meeting with School Board and Schweiter descendents.**

On motion by Bailey, second by Niernberger, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to recess into executive session for consultation with legal counsel on matters privileged in the attorney-client relationship relating to legal advise and that the Board return from executive session at approximately 4:10 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 4:07 p.m. President Mitchell stated that no action was necessary as a result of the executive session.

Director Kupper referred board members to Craig Steward's (Arborist) 9/26/01 memo re: Linwood Park Tree Survey and correspondence from Winston C. Brooks, Superintendent, Wichita Public Schools to Jeanette Paxton dated 9/5/01 re: New Site for Linwood Elementary School.

3. **Suggested replacements for District III Representative.** Director Kupper asked board members if they had the names to submit to represent District III. President Mitchell suggested Pat King and Bailey suggested Jody Bennett.

4. **Director's Update.**

- **Naming of Park Facilities.** Director Kupper briefly reviewed City Council Policy #13, Subject: Mayor's Advisory Committee/Naming of Public Facilities. He reported that the City Council had taken action to name two park facilities/areas; namely, the tennis courts at McAdams Park were named the "Charles 'Goose' Doughty, Jr., Tennis Facility" and the property currently being acquired at 25th and Wellington Place was named the "Pat Garcia Veterans Memorial Park".

Bailey requested that if the City acquired the Greiffenstein school site, that the park be named after Leon Robinson.

Director Kupper mentioned the dedication of the McLean Fountain and added that the Delano Business and Homeowners Association requested that the area on the west side of the river from Douglas North to Second Street be named "Delano Park". President Mitchell explained that the Board had already recommended that the area be renamed; however, it conflicted with recommendations in the Way Finding Report.

On motion by Bailey, second by Dey, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to affirm the Board's previous recommendation (May 10, 1999) to name the area on the west side of the river from Douglas Street to Second Street "Delano Park".

- **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Conference.** Director Kupper briefly reviewed fundraising ideas and information provided at the recent NRPA conference in Denver, CO. He also mentioned the possibility of obtaining grant funds to create soccer fields in brown field (underground contaminated) areas. He specifically mentioned the 33rd and Ohio site and said that grant representatives would visit with staff and tour the site next week.
- **Soccer Contracts.** Trix Niernberger asked about the status of the soccer contracts. Director Kupper reported that all three leagues had signed contracts. He stated that AYSO signed for \$4.00 per player and added that the fee would increase \$1.00 per year until \$10.00 is reached. In addition, he said staff would have access to the sign up roster and league financial information. He said SCSA signed for a \$5.00 per player fee with \$1.00 increase per year. Dey requested a summary/fact sheet of the soccer fee breakdown.
- **President Mitchell and other board members asked for information on the following items:**
 - ❖ Lily Pond at Oak Park. Director Kupper stated that the contract to do the analysis was let last week.
 - ❖ Girl Scout Little House. Director Kupper said Public Works staff reported that the roof could be replaced/repared for approximately \$10,000.
 - ❖ Fairmount Park. Director Kupper said an RFP had been developed for design/build on the project.

- ❖ Grove Park – National Guard. Director Kupper said staff would report on this item at the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

M.S. Mitchell, President

ATTEST:

Maryann Crockett, Clerk
Recording Secretary