



**MINUTES OF
SPECIAL PARKS/CLEAN CITY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 14, 2009**

The Parks/Clean City Committee met on the above date at 6:09 p.m. with the following Committee members and City Staff present: Gladys Hardeman, Henry Johnson, Pearl Jones, Dana Robinson, Economic Development and Community Relations Director Venus Wehle. Absent: Donald Bailey and Chad McCarty.

Opening Agenda:

A. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Vice-Chair Pearl Jones called the meeting to order.

B. Invocation

Invocation was delivered by Committee member Henry Johnson.

C. Pledge to Flags

Pledge to the United States and Texas flags were recited.

D. Oath of Office- Dana Robinson

Oath was delivered by Interim City Manager/City Secretary Debra Maness.

Board Member Rodney Wright arrived at 6:12pm.

E. Consent Agenda:

1. Consider Minutes of the September 21, 2009 Parks and Clean City Committee meeting. A motion was made by Secretary Gladys Hardeman, seconded by Board member Henry Johnson and **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Hardeman, Johnson, Jones, Robinson, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Bailey, McCarty

F. Deliberation Agenda:

2. Introduce new board member, Dana Robinson

Mr. Robinson introduced himself briefly.

3. Discuss and consider updating personal contact information.

Discussion was led by Vice-Chair Pearl Jones. Mrs. Jones asked that all personal information be updated to be inclusive and passed to Secretary Gladys Hardeman for updating.

4. Discuss and consider preparation of document to present to Council concerning the benefits of the Parks Ordinance.

Discussion was lead by Vice-Chair Pearl Jones. She explained the process of how the Board created and completed the ordinance and brought it before the City Council in October. The Council had several questions and comments and asked the Board to research additional information; the item was tabled. Since that time, Mrs. Jones has received input from Council members and citizens.

She asked the Board to review the document she prepared to receive their input and suggested changes for the presentation to be made tomorrow night at the Council meeting.

Discussion was held regarding practice fees. It was stated by Mr. Robinson that there is a drainage problem with the football field and some sod would probably have to be replaced. Mr. Wright suggested a yearly fee as opposed to per-day practice fees.

Mr. Robinson stated that practices are held Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays, 4.5 hours per week.

Mr. Johnson suggested a case or something at the park to hold the permit issued to the user.

It was suggested that a fee for practicing on city fields be added to the ordinance. After much discussion and deliberation on ranges, the Committee agreed to \$15 per hour for "coordinated organizations" and \$20 per hour for "non-coordinated organizations." Mrs. Jones asked that the amendments be made to the document and be submitted to the Council for inclusion in their packets.

A motion was made by Secretary Gladys Hardeman, seconded by Board member Henry Johnson to amend the fee schedule as stated above and it **passed** as follows:

Ayes: Hardeman, Johnson, Jones, Robinson, Wright
Nays: None
Absent: Bailey, McCarty

5. Discuss and consider 2010 spring clean-up activity.

6. Discuss and consider "Adopt-A-Park" program.

7. Discuss and consider meeting date and time.

8. Discuss and consider process for planning meetings.

Items #5, #6, #7, and #8 were tabled to the January 11, 2010 meeting.

G. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approval:

Gladys Hardeman, Secretary

Pearl Jones, Vice Chair

