

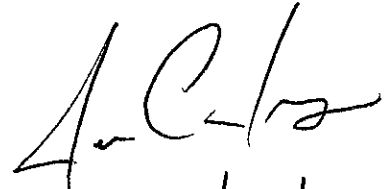
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Cameron Park Board Meeting

January 25, 2018

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall


2/22/18

Members Present:

Chairman – Bill Gimson

Al Briggs

Wendy Copple

Ruth Sears

Carrie Sybert

Richard Whalen

Members Absent:

Cory Brown

Jennifer Helmich

Jason Jones

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director

Steve Garr

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of November 30, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Whalen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 meeting; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Public Participation

None

Treasurer's Report

No comment

Director/Foreman's Report

Master Plan

The Park's Master Plan was presented to City Council in January by Mr. Bontrager and Vireo representatives, Steve Rhoads and Larry Reynolds. The City Council was asked to accept the Park's Master Plan as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan and to transfer control of the approximate 50 acres of the remaining Crossroads Corporate Park, behind Wal-Mart, to the Park Board for development of a future park.

The Master Plan was not accepted by City Council, but they did agree to designate the land for recreational purposes with conditions. If the Parks are unable to utilize the land for recreational purposes or determine and implement a source of funding for the construction of a park on the land within a reasonable time frame as determined by the Council, the land will cease to be designated as a park and revert to its original status and be marketed for commercial development.

Mr. Bontrager stated they are already addressing items from the Master Plan; such as, adding additional lighting, sidewalks and basketball courts at the Soccer Complex. Staff would like direction as to where they should go from here.

Mr. Whalen stated that the school has expressed interest in the current baseball fields. He would like to follow-up on this interest and see if they are still considering the possibility. The profit from the fields can be used for the development of the new complex.

Chairman Gimson stated that the swimming pool plans will need to be finalized. It is a good idea to talk to the school about purchasing the current ball fields once the new park is developed.

Mr. Garr asked if the ball park can be built in stages or if it needs to be built all at once with the Council approval.

Mr. Bontrager stated it could and he would recommend a feasibility study as the next step. This would show how much demand there is to build how much in a first phase. It will also determine the proposed park complex cost and how much funding is needed. It will also be important to incorporate all of the impacted parties to the discussion. I.e. YMCA, school, clubs/organizations and the hospital to name a few.

It was recommended to place the park development on future agendas to discuss further.

Mr. Whalen stated that he would like some more clarification on item #3 of the passed resolution.

Mr. Bontrager stated that this clarification would come from City Council.

Chairman Gimson asked that the next step of Master Plan be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

Mr. Bontrager will get an estimate on how much a feasibility study will cost.

New Business

A: YMCA Pool Management Request for 2018 Season

Mary Jo Eiberger and the YMCA finance committee/Board have expressed that they would like to stick with the proposed increase of \$2,500 in the management fee that was presented at the last meeting.

Mr. Garr recommended keeping the \$15,000 management fee and having City Staff cleaning the pool. The YMCA did not consider the cleaning in the fee increase. The fee increase is due to payroll, etc.

Mr. Bontrager was asked to look into other management options and reported in 2015 Midwest Management Company submitted a proposal that included chemicals, cleaning, etc. along with other optional services, i.e. inspections, training, etc.

After reviewing the cost, Mr. Bontrager stated that he would recommend continuing the relationship with the YMCA. During the 2017 season, damages were noted that ended up as a breach of contract. An invoice was sent to the YMCA and they reimbursed the cost.

The YMCA has charged the same management fee without an increase since 2010.

Chairman Gimson stated that the YMCA does a great job and the increase in fees is not extreme or out of line.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the YMCA does not have any other recommended changes to the contract.

Mr. Garr asked about the YMCA's request of placing something in the contract about the 'cloudy water' issue.

Mr. Bontrager looked into this request and stated that the request is covered under the current contract.

Mr. Whalen asked if it is needed to have Midwest Management inspect the operations of the facility. Chairman Gimson stated that the YMCA must meet all the guidelines of the Red Cross.

Mr. Garr stated that he is certified to verify pool standards and he is confident that the pool is in line with the standards set by the City and also the YMCA.

Chairman Gimson made a motion to enter into an agreement with the YMCA for management of the aquatic facility for the 2018 season with a management fee of \$17,500; seconded by Ms. Sears. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Mr. Whalen stated that he would like to review the interim YMCA reports prior to releasing funds.

Old Business

None

Miscellaneous

Reservoir

Mr. Bontrager stated that the pedestrian bridge was set at the Reservoir walking trail.

Christmas Displays

Mr. Whalen asked if local businesses would be interested in donating the Christmas displays at the parks for the lighting ceremony.

Mr. Bontrager stated that a tree was decorated this year by a local organization and he checked with the insurance company, MPR, prior to putting it up. The insurance company covered the display.

A lot of cities have decorations donated and installed by the local businesses and organizations. Park staff only provides electricity and assistance as needed.

This item will be placed on future agendas for further discussion.

Adjourn

Ms. Copple made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for February 22, 2018 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38 pm.

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