MINUTES
CITIZEN BOND COMMITTEE
PARKS AND RECREATION SUB COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
14050 FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS 75234
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016
6:30 PM

Members Present: David Merritt, Linda Bertl, Michael Driskill, Rodger Cramer, Nic Rady

Members Absent: Jorge Gonzalez, Michelle Holmes, John Jakob,

Staff Present: Mitzi Davis, Meredith Dowdy

I. CALL TO ORDER
David Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016 AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
Roger Cramer moved to adopt meeting minutes; Second by Linda Bertl. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSS CITYWIDE TRAIL MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND COST
Updates given by Mitzi Davis. The funding agreement with Dallas County has been approved. The City will contribute 1.5 million to the 3 million project.

Discussed the development of the West Side Trail Master Plan. Staff reported that developers are working with Andy Gilles in the Planning Department when they submit plans. Andy is reviewing these plans and making sure that the trail connections are being taken into consideration when developing. The developers are responsible for the cost of the trails in their development.

Discussed talking with Randy Walhood in Public Works about the Street Improvement Project and how the Trail Master Plan might overlap with some of those projects. David Merritt will reach out to Public Works regarding street improvements that could help with the implementation of the plan.

Discussed The Grove @ Mustang Crossing being a trailhead for the Station Area as suggested by John Jakob via email.

IV. DISCUSS JOHN F. BURKE NATURE PRESERVE
Roger Cramer mentioned the John Burke Preserve Board and the Master Planning Meeting taking place on Wednesday, May 25 to discuss the Master Plan for the John Burke Nature Preserve. David Merritt will reach out to Charles Cancellare and invite him to the June 6 meeting to discuss funding for the John Burke Nature Preserve.

Ideas from the subcommittee for the John Burke Nature Preserve include a Tree Canopy Experience and restroom facilities.

V. STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE GROVE @ MUSTANG CROSSING
Presentation given by Meredith Dowdy. Project costs for the Grove @ Mustang Crossing are $400,000 which include design, restroom facility, play structure, permanent stage, security and lighting, extended roadway with electricity and water and artwork and signage.

Discussed the current Farmers Branch Market and gave suggestions for marketing on Next Door.

VI. FINALIZE PROJECT LIST FOR BENCHMARKS
Discuss top projects being Trail Master Plan, The Grove @ Mustang Crossing, John Burke Nature Preserve. Staff is going to investigate when the results will be out from the Hotel/Motel consultant. David Merritt also suggested looking at current parks and discussing the improvements and maintenance that are needed for the infrastructure of these parks. David Merritt is going to reach out to Charles Cancellare to present on current parks projects and ideas for funding infrastructure improvements.
VII. CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
Trails Plan with Public Works, John Burke Nature Preserve Presentation, Infrastructure for Parks Discussion, Benchmark Matrix, Summary of Bond Committee Meeting

VIII. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn made by Roger Cramer. Second by Michael Driskill. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chair

Attest:

Secretary