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City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Historical Preservation & Restoration Board

Farmers Branch Historical Park
Dodson House
2540 Farmers Branch Ln
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, June 25, 2020

6:30 PM

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Meeting held at 6:30 PM via Zoom

Presiding: Chair Ann Christman

Present: Carol Dingman, Melissa Dours, Will Frome, Johannes Hylkema, Danielle Neumeyer, Bill Stolp, and Warren Wetzel.

Staff: Mike Mashburn, Director of Parks and Recreation,
Hillary Kidd, Historical Park Manager

A. AGENDA ITEMS

A.1 Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

A.2 Approval of minutes from the February 27, 2020 and May 28, 2020 Board meeting; and take appropriate action.

Will Frome reviewed the meeting minutes from February 27, and provided an update of the meeting minutes. Warren Wetzel moved to approve the updated minutes. Will Frome seconded. Warren Wetzel moved to approve the May 28 minutes. Will Frome seconded. Both motions carried unanimously.

A.3 Consider excusing the absence of Melissa Dours from the May 28, 2020 Board meeting, and take appropriate action.

Melissa Dours stated she was on and off the zoom meeting call last month due to connection and audio issues. Danielle Neumeyer moved to excuse Melissa absence. Warren Wetzel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A.4 Receive an update on the Barn Project.

The Board proposed changes to the Barn Project, as discussed in the May meeting have been presented to the architects. The next step is to present to City Council. Melissa Dours asked who approves the Barn Project. Mike Mashburn stated that it will be City Council's decision to approve the Barn Project due to the funding coming from the City and not bonds.

Will Frome stated that while attending the last Council meeting he saw that there was \$500,000.00 earmarked for the Parks and Recreation from the CARES ACT. Hillary Kidd nor Mike confirmed this allotment.

A.5 Receive an update on the Strategic Plan.

Bill Stolp presented the Strategic Plan to City Council. It was approved, and has been adopted by the City Council. Bill noted this now completes Section One of the StEPs program, and the Board can apply for the Gold Certificate. The Strategic Plan also fulfills additional areas of StEPs.

A.6 Receive an update on Board Positions.

Ann Christman provided an update on the changing of the Board members for the upcoming service year. New members to the Board will be Ginny Welch and Betina Miller. Continuing member include: Ann Christman, Melissa Dours, Johannes Hylkema, Danielle Neumeyer, Bill Stolp, and Warren Wetzel. Carol Dingman and Will Frome will not continue as Board members.

A.7 Receive an update on Historical Park events and activities.

A list of Historical Park events and activities was included in the Board packet. Highlights include:

- Denton Drive Live on July 11 will be moved to the Historical Park due to the mandate of social distancing.
- Volunteers are still needed for many of the upcoming events.
- The Teen Leadership camp continues until August 14.
- The Branch Connection is doing events at the Park through the summer.
- Blooming Bluegrass is still expected in October 2020.

A.8 Receive an update from Board members on parks, programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch; and take appropriate action.

Warren Wetzel gave accolades to the design of the new Fire Station that is being built off of Valley View and Alpha. Johannes Hylkema recommended that the Board attend as many events as possible to continue visual support of the Historical Park. Carol Dingman gave positive feedback on the Branch Connection's Neglected History program and Victoria Anderson's presentations. She asked that more adult oriented events be incorporated into the Historical Park planning, and asked to continue efforts towards Oral Histories. Hillary Kidd noted that there are four more events for the Branch Connection. Adult oriented programming is planned, such as Park After Dark, but is still somewhat limited due to COVID limitations. The Oral Histories are continuing to be collected.

A.9 Discuss agenda items for future Historical Preservation and Restoration Board Meetings, and take appropriate action.

Warren Wetzel asked that the Board begin to think about and discuss in future meeting goals for the upcoming year. Melissa Dours volunteered to work with Johannes Hylkema on the Fundraising committee.

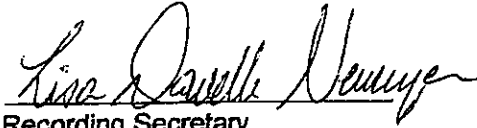
B. ADJOURNMENT

Warren Wetzel moved to adjourn the meeting. Will Frome seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Chair



Recording Secretary