

Garden City Parks & Tree Board Minutes of Meeting

Date: October 28, 2014

I. Call to Order: David Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 5: 35 pm.

II. Members present: David Miller, Alan Riedel and John Brennaman. Also in attendance were Bob Sperling, Rachelle Brennaman, Alan Geier and Andy Liebelt. Note: Tour was rescheduled to accommodate the City Commissioners but they had a last minute conflict. Two Recreation buses were not available at the last minute and we were using the Zoo van and Dave Miller`s vehicle to tour the parks.

III. Members absent: Larry Scheuchzer, Kris Smith, David Coltrain, Mike Ramsey.

IV. New Business: - Bus Tour to look at new additions to the Park system and to discuss future plans. We stopped at the following locations:

1. New guttering on the south side (track side) of the Train Depot.
2. Finnup Park –
 - a. Grave sites east of the big Pool – Cemetery employees will attempt to find and move the remains identified in historical records to Valleyview Cemetery in the immediate future.
 - b. Picnic Shelter #2 – Explained the route of the 8 foot wide asphalt Sunflower trail extension through the east end of the park.
 - c. The Rocket has a fresh coat of paint.
 - d. Looked at the drainage project through the middle of the park. Eventually the open concrete ditch will be eliminated.
 - e. KDHE tree debris disposal site – Looked at the large amount of material and told them to come back the in November when Enviro Recycling is pulverizing the pile into mulch.
3. Santa Fe Park – Looked at the empty lot across the street to the south of the existing facility. We will be working with the County to move the playground, trees etc. before the Juvenile Detention Center expansion takes place in the spring of 2015.
4. 8th and Pine Parking lot – Southwest corner raised planter is being converted to a base for a Buffalo sculpture with native plants surrounding it. The dedication is on November 7th.
5. Emerson and 8th property purchase – Renters have moved out. Next phase is to get a demolition permit.
6. Forest Park Lake – discussed the flood damage. Looked at the new nursery sites and wildflower plantings.
7. Southeast Community Park – Explained that the development of the 12 acres would not start until 2016 since the road leading to the area is still being built.
8. Looked at the Talley Trail extension through Tangeman Fields. Also explained our involvement in the development of the complex.

V. Schedule next meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.