

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014 AT 4:00 P.M.
HELD IN CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 214 S. LOVE STREET**

Present: Members Neil Granath, Marla Price, Tanner Gandy and Clint Laughrin.

Also present: City Manager James Williams, Assistant City Manager Jared Cobb, Administrative Assistant Imelda Gutierrez, City Clerk Carol Ann Hogue, Parks Supervisor Dennis Martin, Recreation Supervisor Jesse Munoz and David Gash

Not Present: Chairman Mike Gallagher, Members Evelyn Holguin and Victoria Ochoa

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Member Granath at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Called Minutes of September 30, 2013: Member Granath called for a motion to approve the called minutes of September 30, 2013. Member Price so moved. Member Laughrin seconded. Motion was approved.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

Discussion of the Parks & Recreation Survey Results: City Manager Williams addressed the members stating that a total of 292 surveys were turned in. The respondent profile consisted of the following: Median age was in the 55- 64 group, forty - eight percent (48%) had children in their household, sixty - nine percent (69%) have resided in Lovington for over 20 years and voting district representation evenly distributed, with exception of low response rate from District 1 and nearly half (46%) respondents did not know their district. The general conclusions are:

- High utilization of parks and recreation facilities
 - 38% visit parks at least weekly
 - Most popular are Chaparral Park (65%) and Avenue D Park (19%)
 - Most popular recreational facility Love Street Baseball Complex (23%)
- Respondents would like to see improvements
 - 68% parks need improvement
 - 56% recreation facilities need improvement
- Most important parks & recreation facilities
 - Playgrounds, open space/natural area and benches/seating
 - Baseball, basketball and softball
- Need for special event space
 - 71% respondents use facilities at least once per year for special events
 - 54% special events have more than 20 people

The top 3 priorities are maintenance, turf management/landscaping and restrooms (with ADA accessibility). The other improvements which would be:

- Shelters for special events
- Drinking fountains
- Playgrounds (with ADA access)
- Trash receptacles
- Shelters/shaded areas
- Dog Park
- Picnic tables
- Trails

The City is working to address some of the findings, including the top 3 priorities identified by the survey. The next steps are to schedule a workshop to plan future park and recreation facilities, review the list of improvements and recommend a plan for implementation and incorporate survey results, improvements and plans into the Parks, Recreation and Open Space element of the comprehensive plan. Assistant City Manager Cobb asked the members to setup a date when the weather permits it to take a tour through the facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MEMBER, NEIL GRANATH

ATTEST: _____
MEMBER, MARLA PRICE