

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 4, 2017**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE**  
  
**REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. MINUTES APPROVAL**

- A. Consider approval of minutes from November 2, 2016 meeting

**IV. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM**

*At this time, any person with business before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board may speak to the Board. All comments must be directed towards the Chair, rather than individual board members or staff. All speakers must limit their comments to subject matter relating to the board. No formal action can be taken on these items.*

**V. REGULAR ITEMS**

- A. Discuss and consider The Park Board teaming up with Keep Kennedale Beautiful to supply and serve hot cocoa at the Christmas tree lighting event in December.
- B. Discuss and consider approving plaque for Fleniken's Island Sign
- C. Discuss and consider Texas Parks and Wildlife Fishery Development Partnership

**VI. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Kennedale Youth Association President Eric Ryals met with City staff to discuss upcoming season and expectations to come
- B. Updates from City Staff

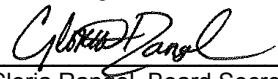
**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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readily accessible to the general public at all times and said agenda was posted at least 72 hours preceding the schedule time of said meeting, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

  
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Gloria Rangel, Board Secretary



## STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Date:** January 4, 2017

**Agenda Item No:** MINUTES APPROVAL - A.

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**I. Subject:**

Consider approval of minutes from November 2, 2016 meeting

**II. Originated by:**

Gloria Rangel, Public Works Administrative Assistant

**III. Summary:**

**IV. Recommendation:**

Approve

**V. Alternative Actions:**

**VI. Attachments:**

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**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 2, 2016**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chairman Michael Chandler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Azam Shaikh, Jeff Nevarez, Michael Chandler, Gary Swan **Absent:** David Deaver

**III. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Consider approval of minutes from August 3, 2016 regular meeting. **Motion to:** Approve August 3, 2016 minutes **Action:** Approve. **Moved By:** Azam Shaikh, **Seconded:** Jeff Nevarez **Motion Passed Unanimously**

**IV. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM**

**V. REGULAR ITEMS**

- A. Discuss Kennedale Youth Association football practice being held at Sonora Park. The parking issue has since been handled and is now under control by the Commissioner Eric Ryals, he has spoken to his team parents.
- B. Pokemon Go mapping for the City of Kennedale, City staff recommends anyone who would like to give specific locations the staff will be happy to add that to the City's website to get children out to the local parks. Jeff Nevarez would simply like to see these types of games be a big reason for people to get out into the parks and play instead of staying inside watching television. The only objection Michael Chandler would have is people climbing on any type of memorials we have inside the City. The Park Board would like the City to look into posting a sign not to climb on or touch the local memorials or possibly having a sign that is mobile.
- C. Kennedale City Park Development Partnership with Texas Parks & Wildlife. The city would certainly like to keep a relationship going with and we would still like to be able to have the pond stocked each year with trout in January every year.
- D. Consider changing the Splash Pad at Sonora Park from a gun to a more family friendly sprayer or spout. The Park Board would like to extend their sympathy for Ms. Mata's loss however due to monetary issues the Park Board will consider replacing the gun at the Splash Pad with a more family friendly sprayer when the current one breaks or is torn down
- E. **Motion to:** Appoint David Deaver as Chairman **Action:** Approve. **Moved By:** Jeff Nevarez **Seconded:** Azam Shaikh **Motion Passed Unanimously**  
**Motion to:** Appoint Michael Chandler as Co-Chairman **Action:** Approve. **Moved By:** Jeff Nevarez, **Seconded:** Azam Shaikh **Motion Passed Unanimously**
- F. The Park Board would like approve the Arlington Classics Academy PTO to adopt Sonora Park. The Park Board would like to forward a recommendation to the Keep Kennedale

Beautiful Board.

## VI. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. A blue-algae bloom sprouted this summer and killed a total of 5,233, and this happened all over the state of Texas. When the algae blooms it creates oxygen, but when it dies it takes away all the oxygen and kills the fish at that time. The two air pumps we have at the pond at this time are really not enough so the City is looking into getting a portable air pump that is run by staff beginning in the spring to combat the blue algae bloom.
- B. The Senior Living Center is coming along trees have been taken out where driveways will be laid. They will soon be tying in the water and sewer lines.
- C. The Boy Scouts had a rocket launch at the first of October, it was very successful. They thanked the City and said they had a great time.
- D. October 22, 2016 Community Day was a huge success! Clean up day at the landfill, National Bring It day was at Town Center and the Police Department were collecting medications.
- E. Tuesday December 6, 2016 the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Town Center 5:30pm-8:30pm. If you would like to host a treat booth, please email Leslie Galloway at [lgalloway@cityofkennedale.com](mailto:lgalloway@cityofkennedale.com) or call 817.985.2104. If you are interested in adopting a child from the Kennedale Professional Fire Fighter Association Angel Tree, please contact Ryan Florence at [rflorence@cityofkennedale.com](mailto:rflorence@cityofkennedale.com)
- F. **Motion to:** Cancel the December 7, 2016 regular meeting **Action:** Approve. **Moved By:** Jeff Nevarez **Seconded:** Azam Shaikh **Motion Passed Unanimously** Jeff Nevarez made a motion to skip the December 2016 meeting Azam Shaikh seconded the motion
- G. McDonald's opened on Thursday October 27, 2016

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to:** Adjourn **Action:** Adjourn. **Moved By:** Jeff Nevarez

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

Approved:

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Michael Chandler, Co-Chairman

Attest:

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Gloria Rangel, Park Board Secretary



## **STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Date:** January 4, 2017

**Agenda Item No:** REGULAR ITEMS - A.

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**I. Subject:**

Discuss and consider The Park Board teaming up with Keep Kennedale Beautiful to supply and serve hot cocoa at the Christmas tree lighting event in December.

**II. Originated by:**

Gloria Rangel, Public Works Administrative Assistant

**III. Summary:**

There was no hot cocoa served at this past years event and a lot of residents were disappointed and made their disappointment known. We would like to join with KKB since they have an actual fund and we do not.

**IV. Recommendation:**

None

**V. Alternative Actions:**

**VI. Attachments:**



## STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Date:** January 4, 2017

**Agenda Item No:** REGULAR ITEMS - B.

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**I. Subject:**

Discuss and consider approving plaque for Fleniken's Island Sign

**II. Originated by:**

Larry Hoover, Streets and Parks Supervisor

**III. Summary:**

Once approved the Park Board will send to City Council for final approval

**IV. Recommendation:**

Approve

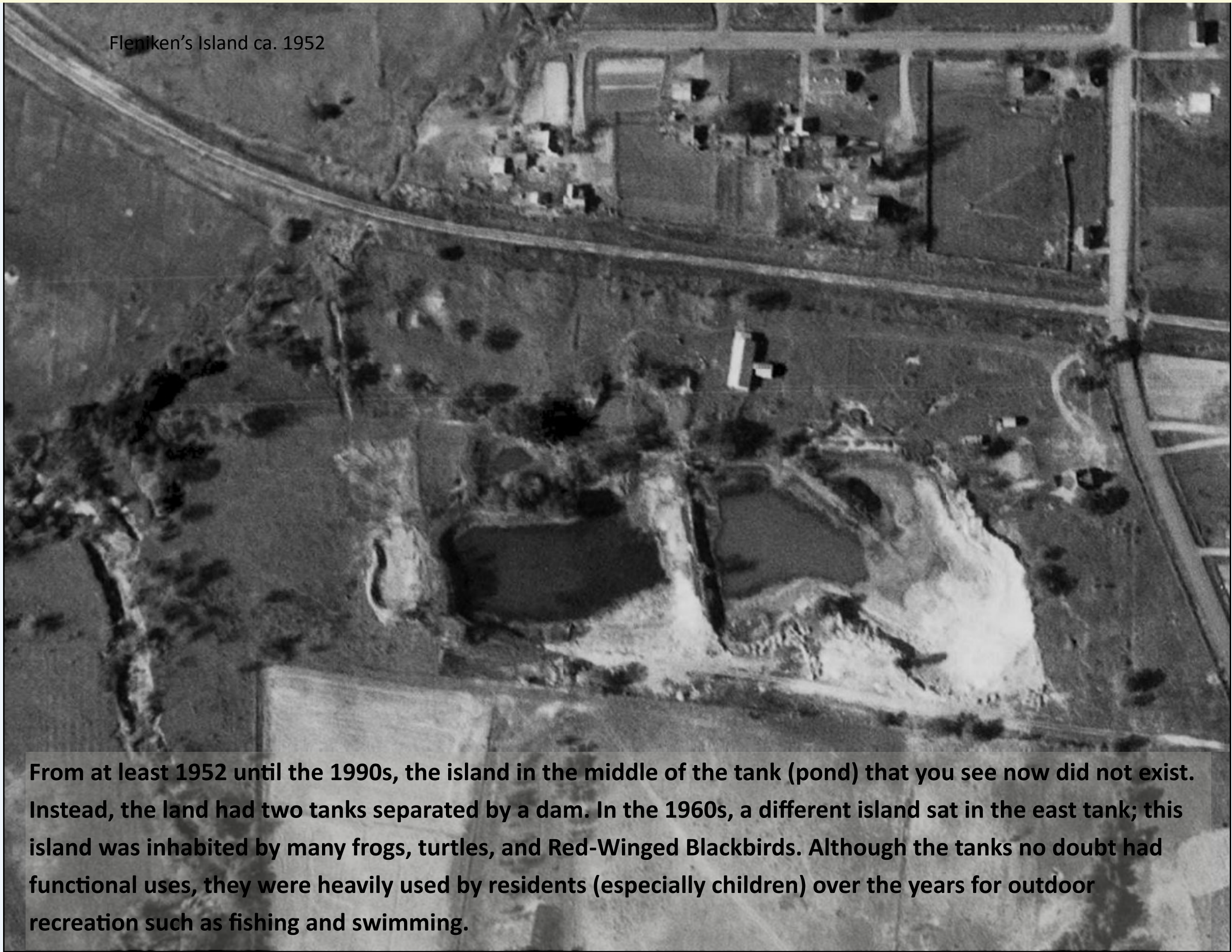
None

**V. Alternative Actions:**

**VI. Attachments:**

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| 1. | Exhibit email            | exhibit for Park Board meeting.msg    |
| 2. | Fleniken's Island plaque | Fleniken's Island sign 12-22-2016.pdf |

# Fleniken's Island



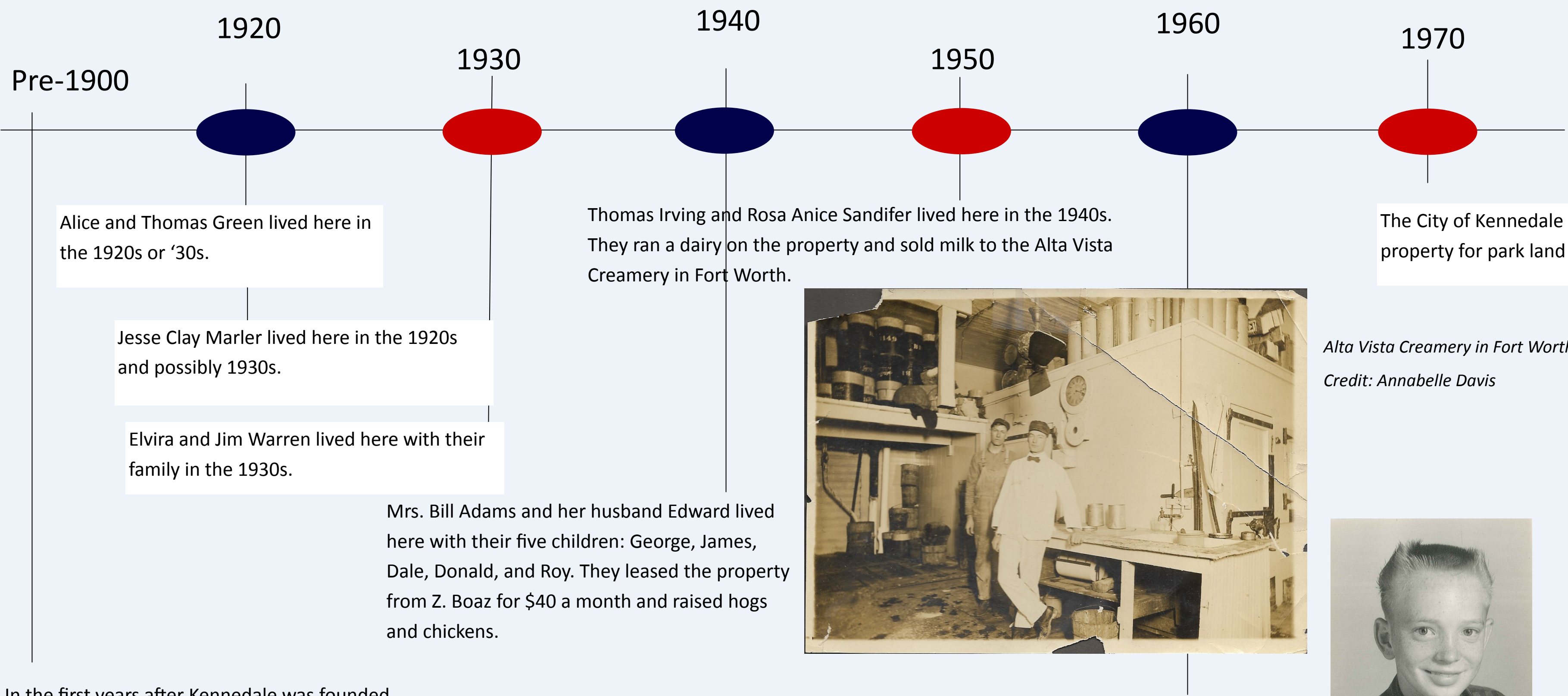
From the late 1880s until the early 1900s, this land was used by the Kennedale Brick Works. After the brick company closed, this was eventually sold to the Boaz family, who leased it to several different families in the years before the City of Kennedale bought the property. Children from these families, along with their friends, made great use of the land for outdoor play long before it was formally dedicated for public recreation. The City of Kennedale acquired the land for Sonora Park (then called Harmony '76 Park) in 1976.

Fleniken's Island is named for the Fleniken family, who lived on this property for several years beginning in 1963. From the 1960s through the 1980s, many of the kids in Kennedale went to this property to swim, fish, and camp, and the site was always referred to as "Fleniken's Tanks." In addition to the Flenikens, the land was also home to the Adams family, the Sandifer family, the Marler family, and the Greens. The Warrens may also have lived here.



Jesse Irwin holding the 50-pound carp he caught at Fleniken's Tanks.

Fleniken's Island ca. 1979



In the first years after Kennedale was founded, the property was used for a brickyard.



Alta Vista Creamery in Fort Worth.  
Credit: Annabelle Davis



The Fleniken family lived here in the 1960s. Larry Fleniken recalls swimming, fishing, and camping out with friends.

Larry Fleniken in 7th grade  
Credit: Larry Fleniken.



## STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Date:** January 4, 2017

**Agenda Item No:** REGULAR ITEMS - C.

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**I. Subject:**

Discuss and consider Texas Parks and Wildlife Fishery Development Partnership

**II. Originated by:**

Larry Hoover, Streets and Parks Supervisor

**III. Summary:**

Staff received an email from Cynthia Fox with Texas Parks and Wildlife, please see the attached email for details

**IV. Recommendation:**

None

**V. Alternative Actions:**

**VI. Attachments:**

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| 1. | TPWD email     | FW Update for Kennedale City Park Fishery Development Partnership with TPWD.msg |
| 2. | TPWD Fishery 1 | Fishery 1 diffusers-header.jpg                                                  |
| 3. | TPWD Fishery 2 | Fishery 2 o2diffuserkascomarinedotcom.jpg                                       |
| 4. | TPWD Fishery 3 | Fishery 3 Georgia Structure.jpg                                                 |









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**Date:** January 4, 2017

**Agenda Item No:** REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - A.

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**I. Subject:**

Kenndale Youth Association President Eric Ryals met with City staff to discuss upcoming season and expectations to come

**II. Originated by:**

**III. Summary:**

**IV. Recommendation:**

**V. Alternative Actions:**

**VI. Attachments:**



## **STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**Date:** January 4, 2017

**Agenda Item No:** REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - B.

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**I. Subject:**

Updates from City Staff

**II. Originated by:**

Larry Hoover, Streets and Parks Supervisor

**III. Summary:**

**IV. Recommendation:**

None

**V. Alternative Actions:**

**VI. Attachments:**