

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2012
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. Approval of Minutes dated September 5, 2012

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 assistance we may provide to the Pier Skate Park.
- B. Discuss and consider what the Parks and Recreation Board may do for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- C. Review and approve sign for bird habitat area in Sonora Park.
- D. Review and discuss Park Fitness fundraisers and grants for Sonora and TownCenter Park.
- E. Discuss and consider possible collaboration with the Kennedale High School Outdoor Education Society and the Outdoor Education Club.

VI. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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Celeste O. Brown, Board Secretary



Date: October 3, 2012

Agenda Item No: MINUTES APPROVAL - A.

I. Subject:

Approval of Minutes dated September 5, 2012

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

Attached are minutes dated September 5, 2012 for your approval

IV. Recommendation:

Approve

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:

1.	PRB Minutes September 5, 2012	09052012 Minutes.pdf
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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING September 5, 2012

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

REGULAR SESSION -7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Chandler

II. ROLL CALL

- ☐ David Deaver - Absent
- ☒ Michael Chandler
- ☒ Cruz Pitre
- ☒ David Smith -
- ☒ Donna Gerron
- ☒ Jill Turner
- ☒ Stephen Brim

Chairman Chandler asked Jill Turner to be a voting members due to Chairman Deaver being absent from meeting.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. Approval of Parks and Recreation Board minutes dated August 8, 2012

Donna Gerron made a motion to approve minutes dated August 8, 2012 as presented and was seconded by Jill Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

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Larry Hoover provided the board with an update on the West Nile virus and how it's affecting our city parks.

V. REGULAR ITEMS

- A. Introduction of new board member and announcement of a board members departure.

Larry Hoover introduced Alan Pederson as our newest Parks and Recreation Board member. Mr. Pederson provided board members with a brief background.

- B. Review and discuss approval of Butterfly and Bird Garden in TownCenter Park.

Keep Kennedale Beautiful and Parks Board members Stephen Brim and Michael Chandler provided the board with a brief background on what the Garden will entail. Donna Gerron made a motion to approve. Cruz Pitre Jr. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approval of Boy Scouts "Turkey Shoot" Contest.

Mike Buchanan with the Boy scouts local chapter gave the board an update on the upcoming Turkey Shoot. He also provided the board with comments he received regarding the Boy Scout Day Camp that took place in Sonora Park earlier this year. Stephen Brim motioned to approve the Boy Scouts use of the Ballfields to host the annual Turkey Shoot Contest. Donna Gerron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Review Park Board Financial report for June 2012.

There have been no changes in the Park Board financials since the month of June 2012.

- E. Review and discuss Park Fitness stations in Sonora and TownCenter Park.

Board members asked to keep this on the next months agenda to discuss possible fundraising methods, grants etc.

VI. Reports/Announcements

- A. Updates from Kennedale Youth Association

Megan Yates, Secretary for the Kennedale Youth Association presented a check to the City for the Football roster and provided board members with an update regarding upcoming games.

- B. Keep Kennedale Beautiful sponsored recycling event

Stephen Brim gave the other board members an update regarding this event

- C. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

This was asked to be put on next month's agenda to discuss what the board would like to do for this event

- D. City wide Cleanup

Larry Hoover informed the board this event would take place on October 6th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- E. Kennedale Chamber of Commerce Kar Show

Larry Hoover informed the Board this event was taking place on Saturday September 8, 2012 in the TownCenter Parking lot.

VII. Adjournment – Vice Chairman Chandler adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



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Parks and Recreation Board
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David Deaver, Chairman

Attest:

Celeste Brown, Park Board Secretary



Date: October 3, 2012

Agenda Item No: REGULAR ITEMS - A.

I. Subject:

Discuss and consider assistance we may provide to the Pier Skate Park.

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

Chairman Deaver and Vice Chairman Chandler will provide an update on the discussions held during their meeting with Jackie Owner of the Pier Skate Park.

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



Date: October 3, 2012

Agenda Item No: REGULAR ITEMS - B.

I. Subject:

Discuss and consider what the Parks and Recreation Board may do for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

Last year our board set up tables with things for kids to do. Do we want to do the same thing again this year or do something different?

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:

Date: October 3, 2012

Agenda Item No: REGULAR ITEMS - C.

I. Subject:

Review and approve sign for bird habitat area in Sonora Park.

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

As part of our participation in the Urban Bird Treaty with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the city set aside a small part of Sonora Park for bird habitat. We would like to place a sign at one of the entrances to the bird habitat to let visitors to the park know where it is and why that part of the park has not been developed.

A rough design for the sign is attached to this staff report for your review and consideration. I've asked the company making the sign for us to have their design team review our design and to let us know if they recommend any changes. Also, the birds pictured may change if the design team determines that these images are not of sufficient quality to be reproduced on a sign or if, after talking with local birders, I find that other pictures would be more representative of the birds found in or around the bird habitat. The birds shown on the sign have all been spotted in Sonora Park, but we may find other pictures that would be better. With all that said, though, I don't expect the sign company will recommend any major changes to the design concept. If the design team recommends major changes to the content, we will bring the sign back to the Park Board for additional review.

The sign board would be approximately 18" tall x 24" wide and would have an aluminum single pedestal exhibit base. The sign will be paid for through grant funds from the Urban Bird Treaty.

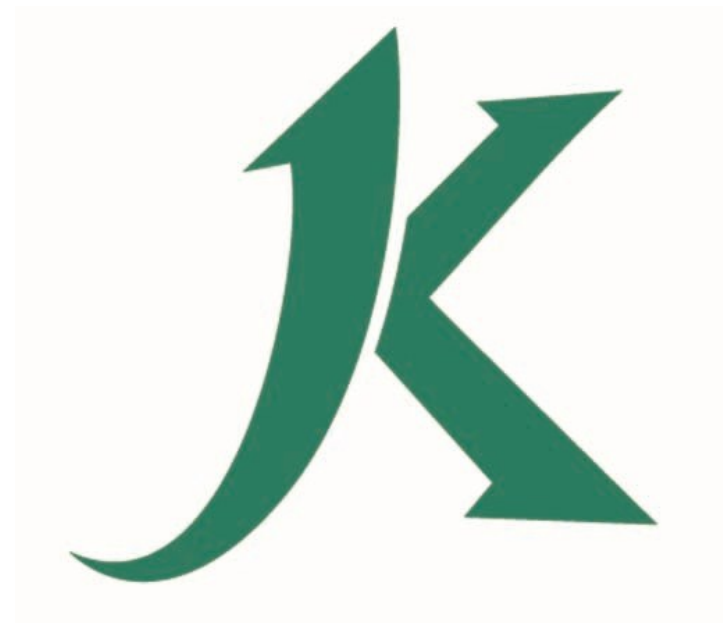
IV. Recommendation:

Approve

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:

1.	Bird Habitat Sign Info	Sign, bird habitat.pdf
2.	Bird Habitat Location Info	Bird Habitat sign location (proposed).pdf



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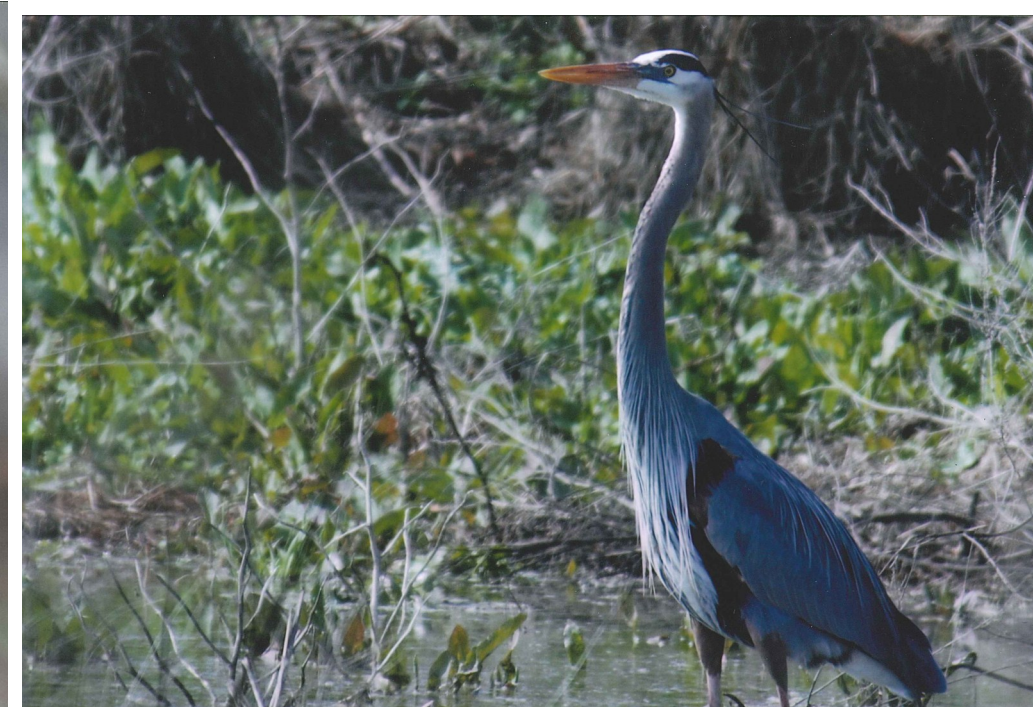
BIRD HABITAT

This area has been designated by the City of Kennedale as a bird habitat. The approximately three-acre area was acquired by the city in 2009 for an addition to Sonora Park. In 2011, Kennedale was selected to participate in the Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. As part of Kennedale's commitment to conserving native and migratory birds, the city has set aside this portion of Sonora Park to remain as a natural area. Larger habitats are ideal, but as the Metroplex continues to grow and develop, small habitat such as this one will become increasingly important.

A number of bird species live in Kennedale during the different seasons, including the Carolina Chickadee, Western Kingbird, Downy Woodpecker, Mississippi Kite, Great Blue Heron, Northern Cardinal, Green-winged Teal, and Dark-eyed Junco. Information about these and other birds common to Kennedale is available through field guides available at the Kennedale Public Library and through a field guide to local birds available from the City of Kennedale.

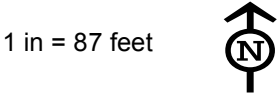
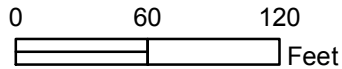
The bird habitat is open to the public. Paved trails have not been provided so that the land may remain as close to a natural state as possible. When visiting the bird habitat, please remember to watch your step, speak quietly, and remove any trash you generate.

Photos courtesy Bob Neill. From left to right: Western Kingbird., Downy Woodpecker, Great Blue Heron, and American Robin.





Bird Habitat
showing
proposed sign location
(approximate)



1 in = 87 feet

*Aerial imagery from North Central Texas
Council of Governments*



Date: October 3, 2012

Agenda Item No: REGULAR ITEMS - D.

I. Subject:

Review and discuss Park Fitness fundraisers and grants for Sonora and TownCenter Park.

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

This item was used to be put back on this months agenda for further discussion.

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:



Date: October 3, 2012

Agenda Item No: REGULAR ITEMS - E.

I. Subject:

Discuss and consider possible colaboration with the Kennedale High School Outdoor Education Society and the Outdoor Education Club.

II. Originated by:

III. Summary:

IV. Recommendation:

None

V. Alternative Actions:

VI. Attachments:

1.	Information	Memo Style.pdf
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Celeste Brown

From: Larry Hoover
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 7:50 AM
To: Celeste Brown
Subject: FW: KHS Outdoor Education Club

Celeste, can we get all the information we can for the park board meeting in the agenda? Thanks

From: Wilcox, Daniel [<mailto:wilcoxd@kisdtx.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 6:42 AM
To: Larry Hoover
Subject: RE: KHS Outdoor Education Club

That sounds great Mr. Hoover. What time would you like to meet? Also, you can see the format of the two programs online at Kennedale High School's website under the clubs link. We will be starting two great groups...the Outdoor Education Society and the Outdoor Education Club. All the specifics are on those two pages. Thank you for your communication. I am entering your number in my cell phone now.

Respectfully,
Danny Wilcox

From: Larry Hoover [<mailto:lhoover@cityofkennedale.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2012 4:03 PM
To: Wilcox, Daniel
Subject: RE: KHS Outdoor Education Club

Hello Danny, I left a message on the number below and I have not heard back so I am trying the e-mail route to see if we can meet to discuss the program you are developing? I will be out of the office Thursday and Friday for vacation so if not this week possibly next week? The Park and Recreation board meet on October 3rd at 7:00 pm if you can make it we could have a discussion with them at that time? Thank You

Larry Hoover
City of Kennedale
Public Works
Streets, Parks Supervisor
817-985-2170

From: Wilcox, Daniel [<mailto:wilcoxd@kisdtx.net>]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 11:53 AM
To: Larry Hoover
Cc: Rita Whatley
Subject: KHS Outdoor Education Club

Mr. Hoover,

My name is Danny Wilcox. We will be starting an Outdoor Education club soon at KHS that utilizes all the parks and wildlife centers we have available. We look forward to working with both the City of Kennedale and the City of Arlington in the development and improvement of the parks, wildlife, and habitat in the area. I have enclosed a rough draft of what the Outdoor Education Club will be doing to help the students of KHS and the community of Kennedale.

Please give me a call at your convenience and maybe we can schedule a meeting about some items on the Parks and Wildlife' agenda, City of Kennedale agenda, and our Outdoor Education Club agenda. We would love to be partners in bringing real world science to our student body in a way that benefits everyone involved.

Respectfully,
Danny Wilcox
682-433-6348 (cell)
Danny68wilcox@yahoo.com

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