

February 10, 1972

MINUTES OF MEETING  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
February 8, 1972

The meeting was called to order by Mr. James Vice, Chairman. The following Board members were present: Mr. James Vice, Mr. Mureal Crump, Mr. James Hall, Mr. Rufus Lewis, Mr. Charles Ross and Mr. Charles Stakely. The invocation was given by Mr. James Hall.

MINUTES -- A motion was made by Mr. Crump that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as sent out to the Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall, and carried.

BUDGET REPORT -- Mr. Andrews reviewed the budget report, noting that the overall expenditures amount to 29.9 percent, which is a good deal below the budget.

BUSES -- There was a discussion of a bus pool. Several buses are not in use because of the need for repairs. It was decided that the buses should be left where they are until the problem of repairs can be solved.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS -- The attendance reports were distributed to the Board members.

MONTHLY REPORTS -- It was requested that the monthly reports be received by the first of each month, and that copies be mailed to the Board members prior to the Board meeting.

PERSONNEL AND STAFFING REPORTS -- This committee has not had a meeting, due to the illness of Mrs. Campbell. A meeting will be held at the earliest possible moment, and a report will be made.

BOYS COACH LEADER I -- It was announced that money has been secured from sources other than the City of Montgomery, and the classification of boys coach Leader I has been re-instated to all centers where a reduction had been made.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE -- It was requested that Mr. Brannon's report be brought to the attention of the Personnel Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Crump that the personnel committee take action on changes in staffing,

unless there is something highly unusual. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall, and carried.

ZOO -- A motion was made by Mr. Crump that the zoo committee be given the authority to make decisions on the operation of the zoo, unless there is a policy decision which should be made by the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis, and carried.

Mr. Ross reported that contacts have been made for additional cages. Two private concerns have asked for the opportunity to raise money and build cages to be donated to the zoo, and tentative approval has been given to allow this. Plans are being made for converting baggage cars into cages.

The pump has been replaced, and is operating satisfactorily. Mr. Ross stated that he has talked with the director of the Water Works in regard to digging a well.

BALL FIELDS -- It was requested that a schedule of maintenance be prepared, and that the directors be notified in advance when to expect a maintenance crew. It was agreed that a monthly schedule would be sufficient, as it would be difficult to plan a year ahead on account of weather conditions.

PROGRAM -- It was requested that a projected program for a year ahead be submitted by the program coordinator.

HAYNEVILLE ROAD -- Mr. Hall reported that he had called Mr. Skinner to ask about the status of this project. Mr. Skinner had sent the plans back to Urban Consultants for correction. Urban Consultants stated that the corrections have been made and the plans returned to Mr. Skinner.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION -- Mr. Stakely reported that he has been in contact with the Board of Education in regard to their co-operating with the Board, particularly in regard to the old Hale School building. They will either sell or lease this property. He has asked Mr.

Phelps to draw up whatever document is necessary. Mr. Andrews reported that this building is in need of extensive repairs.

A motion was made by Mr. Stakely that individuals and groups using recreation buildings be required to sign indemnity agreements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crump, and carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING -- A motion was made by Mr. Crump that Mr. Andrews be instructed to proceed with having repairs made to the roof of the administrative building at Oak Park as soon as possible, at the least expense to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried.

CONCERTS ON PARK AREAS -- Mrs. Al Sinclair, Mr. Hoyt Finley, and members of the Youth Council requested permission to use Oak Park or Lagoon Park for four concerts to be held on Saturdays. After discussion, Mr. Ross moved that the Board authorize this council the use of either East Montgomery Exchange Park or Lagoon Park for the concerts. The motion was seconded and carried.

CLOVERDALE PARK NO. 1 -- Mrs. Crawford, from the Amaryllis Garden Club, stated that this club has selected the beautification of this park as their project, and requested the cooperation of the Board. They would like to make it a part of the flowering tree trail. The park is now in the Urban Beautification Program. Mr. George Garzon said that the residents of Old Cloverdale would like to know what type of beautification is planned, and how much and what part of the park will be beautified. They feel that part of the park should be used for a recreation area for children, and would like to see a plan of what is proposed. It was suggested that a plan be submitted so that the Board will know what is to be done. A motion was made by Mr. Ross that this request be tabled until a plan is submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stakely, and carried.

URBAN BEAUTIFICATION -- Mr. Aronstein presented the plan for urban beautification. A motion was made by Mr. Crump that the plan be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried.

RIVERFRONT PARK -- Mr. Andrews stated that construction on this park has been resumed.

SOFTBALL FIELDS -- Mr. Stakely reported on property needed for softball fields requested by the Blue-Gray Softball Association. He stated that he, Mr. Bozeman and Mr. N. J. Bell had gone out to Lagoon Park to ascertain if there is a suitable area there. Mr. Bell suggested that there is an area across the road from Gunter Field that might be better. He suggested that Mr. Bozeman contact Mr. Skinner in regard to this. This area will accommodate three full size softball fields, with concession stand and rest rooms. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Aronstein were instructed to work out something on the Old Selma Road property.

FEDERAL COURT ORDER -- Mr. Andrews reported that everything in the Court order is being complied with, and the Department is ahead of the time schedule on new and improved facilities.

MONTGOMERY ACADEMY -- Mr. Vice stated that Montgomery Academy has been advised of the Court's order in regard to using Recreation Department fields.

LAGOON PARK ROAD -- A committee was appointed to meet with the State Highway Department to work out the location of the road. Mr. Crum is chairman, and Mr. Hall and Mr. Lewis will serve on the committee.

REORGANIZATION -- A motion was made by Mr. Hall that the organization chart be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried.

RSP SUMMER PROGRAM -- Mr. Andrews stated that preliminary work in purchasing and planning is being done on this program. Personnel has not been considered, but consideration is being given to positions that will need to be filled. Area meetings will be held on this program in April, but Mr. Andrews will present program plans in March, with the stipulation that changes that may be necessary later will be made. Mr. Vice read a letter from the Bureau of the Interior stating that \$60,000 will be allotted to the Department

for a program for disadvantaged youths.

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ZOO -- Mr. Ross recommended to the Board that an advisory council be created for the purpose of advising on zoo operations. He proposed Mr. Morgan Smith, Dr. Swindle, Mr. Douglas Goode, and Mr. Charles Kelley. A motion was made by Mr. Hall that this council be formed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis, and carried.

BRUCE PARK -- Mr. Vice stated that the poles at Bruce Park have been moved, and that \$125,000 will be returned to the City treasury.

FITZGERALD PARK -- Mr. Andrews stated that at the time the plans for this park were approved, it was requested that a filter system be installed in the fountain, and it was recommended that the Board not accept the fountain without the filter system.

MURPHY HOUSE PARK -- This park is not quite complete. An inspection will be made upon completion.

FEES FOR LIGHTED FIELDS -- Mr. Crump moved to remove from the table the matter of charging fees for lighted football fields. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross and carried. A motion was made by Mr. Crump that a fee of \$50 per night be set for those football games not conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department, these fees to be earmarked for return to the Department and used for officials' fees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried.

ZOO -- A motion was made by Mr. Ross that the Board authorize Mr. Andrews to start planting trees in the zoo area. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crump, and carried.

REPORTS -- Mr. Andrews was instructed to direct that reports be submitted as requested from Hayneville Road, Booker Washington, and McIntyre.

McINTYRE COMMUNITY CENTER -- A letter from the principal of the McIntyre Junior High School, expressing the need for a community center. This item is

under the Court order and is to be completed in 1974. This was assigned to the Hayneville Road committee. Mr. Aronstein suggested that this committee meet with the Housing Authority.

LEGRAND PARK -- Mr. Vice stated that an inquiry had been received from the State Highway Department as to whether LeGrand Park has been designated as a recreation facility. There is no record of this park's ever having been dedicated as a park. The Highway Department is planning to improve this corner, and when the improvement is finished the City can be asked to dedicate the park.

GIRL SCOUTS -- The Girl Scouts have requested that they be allowed to use Lagoon Park as a day camp site the first week in August. A motion was made by Mr. Crump that this request be granted. Mr. Stakely amended the motion to include the provision that all clean up work is to be done by the Girl Scouts before they leave. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall, and carried.

BOY SCOUTS -- The Boy Scouts have asked for the use of Lagoon Park on April 14, 15 and 16, 1972, for a camp site. A motion was made by Mr. Ross that permission be granted. Mr. Stakely amended the motion to include the provision that all clean up work is to be done by the Boy Scouts before they leave. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall, and carried.

TWIN GATES -- A drawing was shown to the Board, showing the location of the road to be built by the City as a condition in accepting the park property offered in this subdivision. A motion was made by Mr. Crump that this be tabled for further study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross, and carried. Mr. Stakely abstained. A committee was appointed to study this matter, with Mr. Hall as chairman. Mr. Crump and Mr. Vice will serve on the committee. It was suggested that a special meeting be set up for the Board to meet with the developers.

LAGOON PARK -- Mr. Vice read a letter from the Charles M. Graves Organization, asking if he should make a proposal for planning this park. A motion was made by Mr. Ross that this matter be tabled. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crump, and carried.

PETER CRUMP SCHOOL -- Mr. Vice read a letter from the Spring Valley Spriggers Garden Club, requesting that ten plants be replaced at this school. Mr. Crump moved that this be tabled until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stakely, and carried.

FOUNTAIN AT CLAYTON AND MOLTON STREETS -- Mr. Vice read a letter from the Normandale Garden Club requesting electricity for this fountain, and soil for the planter boxes. A motion was made by Mr. Ross that this request be tabled. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stakely, and carried.

OPEN SPACE -- Mr. Aronstein recommended that the Board request from the Planning Commission a definite answer on open space to be dedicated within subdivisions. It was suggested that the Board ask the Planning Commission to join with the Board on this program. A committee was named to follow this up, with Mr. Crump as chairman. Mrs. Campbell was also appointed to the committee.

URBAN RENEWAL -- Mr. Aronstein reported that this includes a park area in Western Hills, which will relieve some of the problems in the McIntyre area.

PHANTOM HOST MARDI GRAS PARADE -- The Department has been requested to erect a reviewing stand at the Jefferson Davis Hotel for the Phantom Host Mardi Gras Parade. A motion was made by Mr. Ross that this request be denied. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis, and carried.

SOUTHERN ZOO WORKSHOP -- A motion was made by Mr. Crump to approve travel expenses in the amount of \$99.50 to allow Paul Foster to attend the Southern Zoo Workshop in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 12, 13 and 14. The

motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis, and carried.

WHHY -- A request has been received from Station WHHY in conjunction with Capitol City Jaycees for the use of Lagoon Park on May 27 for a music festival. They have also requested the use of Oak Park for an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. A motion was made that this group meet with the Board and give more details about their plans. The motion died for lack of a second. A motion was made by Mr. Stakely that all groups requesting park facilities come in and give details of their proposals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall, and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross that the Advertiser-Journal be requested to donate \$10,000 for the Montgomery Children's Zoo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis, and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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