

**BENBROOK PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008
7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Benbrook was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 911 Winscott Road with the following Board Members present:

Joe Sherwin
Carol Stacy
Karen Henderson
Vanessa Adia
Daniel Reilley

Also Present: Walter Shumac III, P.E., Public Services Director
Mario Rodriguez, Parks Superintendent
Leslie Harris, Permit Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Joe Sherwin.

II. INVOCATION

Mario Rodriguez gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held June 11, 2008.

Motion made by Mr. Reilley and seconded by Ms. Stacy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 12, 2008.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Henderson, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Sherwin, and Ms. Adia.
Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

V. REPORTS FROM PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR

a. Consider termination of lease with Denzel Taylor, Concessionaire for Benbrook Lake Marina.

Walter Shumac III gave the following report: Benbrook Marina, located at 301 Lakeview Drive, is currently leased to Mr. Denzel Taylor doing business as Benbrook Lake Marina. The lease was approved by the City Council on October 4, 2007. Mr. Taylor has made a request to terminate the lease. In accordance with the lease agreement, Mr. Taylor submitted his request in writing. To date, all monthly payments to the City have been submitted on time. Upgrades and repairs also have been made to the marina. Although the lease termination will require approval from City Council, the lease termination does not require approval of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Motion made by Mr. Reilley, seconded by Ms. Stacy to recommend approval of the lease termination with Denzel Taylor, Concessionaire for Benbrook Lake Marina to the City Council.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Reilley, Mr. Sherwin, Ms. Adia, Ms. Henderson and Ms. Stacy
Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

b. Consider new Concessionaire lease agreement with Benbrook Lake Marina LLC for Benbrook Lake Marina.

Walter Shumac III gave the following report: Benbrook Marina, located at 301 Lakeview Drive, is currently leased to Mr. Denzel Taylor. The lease was approved by the City Council on October 4, 2007. Although the lease was in Mr. Taylor's name, Mr. Taylor was in partnership with Mr. Ron Rogers and Kayla Stidham. Mr. Rogers and Ms. Stidham have formed a partnership designated as Benbrook Lake Marina LLC and have requested a new lease under this name. Multiple repairs and improvements have been accomplished over the past several months. The proposed lease is for 25 years and will require monthly compensation to the City in the amount of 3% or \$200.00, whichever is greater, of their

gross revenues. You'll note that the proposed lease term is longer than the previous 10-year lease with Mr. Taylor.

Motion made by Ms. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Adia to recommend approval of new Concessionaire lease agreement with Benbrook Lake Marina LLC for Benbrook Lake Marina to the City Council.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Reilley, Mr. Sherwin, Ms. Adia, Ms. Stacy, and Ms. Henderson.

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously

c. Consider No Smoking Ordinance for public parks

Walter Shumac III gave the following report: During the last Parks Board meeting in March, a brief discussion began about establishing a smoking ban at public parks. Staff informally has surveyed several cities in the Metroplex and discovered that two cities, Arlington and McKinney, prohibit smoking in public parks.

Arlington prohibits smoking within fifty feet of dugouts, bleachers, playground equipment, park restrooms and swimming pools. McKinney prohibits smoking includes but is not limited to public recreation fields, pools, children's playground equipment, concession stands and restroom.

Enforcement of a non-smoking ordinance in a public park would be difficult. If smoking is prohibited in all or a portion of the public parks, some type of marking or signs would have to be installed.

The City already prohibits smoking within public buildings and within 25 feet of an entrance to a public building (codified in Chapter 8.48 of the Benbrook Municipal Code.) A copy of the current restriction is attached.

Motion made by Mr. Reilley, seconded by Ms. Stacy to recommend to the City Council to consider an amendment to Chapter 8.48.020 to add sub-paragraph C to reflect the following wording: Smoking is prohibited in city parks with in 50 feet of all dugouts, playing fields, bleachers, playground equipment, concession stands, and park restrooms.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Henderson, Ms. Adia, Ms. Stacy, Mr. Sherwin, and Mr. Reilley.

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

d. Consider proposal for Ice Skating Rink

Walter Shumac III gave the following report: There are several ice skating rinks, such as the Dr. Pepper StarCenters, located in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Other StarCenters are located in Duncanville, Euless, Farmer Branch, Frisco and Plano.

Staff has been made aware that there may be some interest in developing a facility in Benbrook, but staff has not been contacted by the developer of such facilities. Normally, the company looks for an incentive from the City, either in land or cost sharing in the facility. Currently there is no land set aside for this type of facility and no funds have been designated for this type of project.

Before the City pursues such a venture, it should also investigate the economic viability of such a project, considering the vacant ice skating rink on the Weatherford Traffic Circle and the past economic difficulties with the Ice Rink in North Richland Hills.

Motion made by Ms. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Adia that the Benbrook Parks and Recreation Board consider the proposal for evaluation and exploration of a Dr. Pepper StarCenter in Benbrook, Texas and that this proposal is submitted to the Benbrook Economic Development Committee for review.

Vote on the Motion:

Ayes: Ms. Henderson, Ms. Adia, Mr. Reilley, Mr. Sherwin, and Ms. Stacy

Noes: None

Motion carries unanimously.

e. Update on Request for Proposals for Benbrook Lake property

Walter Shumac III gave the following report: During April, the City advertised a request for proposals (RFP) to develop the Benbrook Lake property formerly known as Baja Beach. Advertising began April 1st and the deadline for submittals was May 9th at 5:00 P.M. One proposal was received from Woodcrest Management Company; however the development plan did not reflect the City's vision for the site. Woodcrest was notified in writing that the City had declined their proposal. Staff is currently researching other developers and developments to ascertain how to revise the RFP to solicit additional and more-responsive proposals. Staff plans to re-advertise for proposals later this year.

VI. SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None suggested

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:03p.m.

APPROVED:_____