



CEDAR PARK

CITY OF CEDAR PARK
REGULAR SCHEDULED PACE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 AT 6:30 PM
CEDAR PARK CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
450 CYPRESS CREEK ROAD, BUILDING FOUR

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VIRGINIA HERNANDEZ, PLACE 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHELLIE HAYES-MCMAHON, PLACE 5 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARL ABSECK, PLACE 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KATHLEEN HARMAN, PLACE 6, CHAIR |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JULIE HASTINGS, PLACE 3, VICE CHAIR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANDY DEBRUYN, PLACE 7, SECRETARY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DIMITRI NICHOLS, PLACE 4 | |

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- A.1 CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM DETERMINED, MEETING DECLARED OPEN.
Chair Harman called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was declared with five members present. Members Julie Hastings and Dimitri Nichols were absent.
- A.2 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PACE BOARD MINUTES.
a. December 11, 2017 Regular Called Meeting.
Member Abseck made a motion to approve the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Secretary deBruyn. Vice-Chair Hastings joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0, with Member Nichols absent.
- A.3 CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS.
(Not for items listed on this agenda. Three minutes each. No deliberations with Board Members. Board Members may respond with factual information).
Scott Smith introduced himself to the Board and said he has lived in the Ranch at Brushy Creek in Cedar Park for three years. Mr. Smith hoped the trails near the Ranch at Brushy Creek will be 35 miles long when completed. Mr. Smith explained he helped build bike trails while in high school. Mr. Smith noted there is no parks foundation in Cedar Park like the foundation in Austin. Mr. Smith said he is planning on starting a parks and trails foundation for Cedar Park and will be looking for founding members. He thanked the PACE Board members for their service.

Mel Kirkland introduced himself to the Board as the president of the Forest Oaks HOA. Mr. Kirkland stated he has been working on a master plan of the Town Center area in hopes of creating areas for people to gather. He noted the plan includes a potential center for performing arts, a robotics center in conjunction with the school district, restaurants, and a boardwalk with trail connectivity. Mr. Kirkland said a group has been working on the plan since April of 2017. They have met with the school district, and he wanted to make the PACE Board aware of the planning process. Mr. Kirkland thanked the PACE Board members for their service.

A.4 BOARD MEMBERS' OPENING COMMENTS.

Member Hernandez was happy to be at the PACE Board meeting.

Member Hayes-McMahon was sorry to have missed the last meeting, but was happy to be at the meeting tonight.

Member deBruyn was happy to be there and hoped everyone would stay warm.

Chair Harman was happy to be at the meeting and was looking forward to the spring PACE Board projects.

A.5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT – CURT RANDA, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

a. Update On The McRae Family Cemetery Improvement Project At Milburn Park.

Curt Randa, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded Board members about the rehabilitation project for the cemetery that was originally presented to the Board at the September 2017 meeting. Director Randa shared before and after photos of the cemetery. He pointed out the fence had been original to the park in 1995, but new cedar fencing had been recently installed as part of the rehabilitation project. Director Randa explained the rest of the rehabilitation project included removing tree branches and grapevines and replacing the gate to the cemetery. Future maintenance of the site will include trimming the mustang grapevines.

Director Harman asked what the families had to say about the project. Director Randa said he had not received any direct feedback from the families. Member Hayes-McMahon noted she had received a Facebook message from a happy citizen.

b. Update On PACE Related Projects Including The Korean And Vietnam War Statues, Public Safety Art Project, North Brushy Creek Trail And Lakeline Park Master Plan.

Kimberly Reese, Project Manager, provided an update on PACE-related projects. The Public Safety Art Project was the product of a group composed of a PACE subcommittee and representatives from the Cedar Park Police and Fire Departments. City Council approved the statue design and funding on January 11, 2018. A contract has been executed with the artist, and the project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2018.

Project Manager Reese explained the Korean War Statue design was approved by City Council on July 13, 2017. A contract has been executed with the artist, and the project is scheduled for completion and installation at Veterans Memorial Park in Spring 2018.

The Vietnam War Statue project went before City Council at the Thursday, February 8 meeting. Council referred the project back to the PACE Board for further deliberation on including a female figure. Project Manager Reese provided the Board with articles on female roles in the Vietnam War, examples of statues depicting the Vietnam War featuring women, and historical photos of women from the Vietnam War era. Chair Harman asked whether City Council provided a timeline for the project. Project Manager Reese explained no firm timeline was given.

Project Manager Reese provided an update on the North Brushy Creek Trail, nicknamed the "Suburban Ninja" trail, which was previously identified on a list of possible trail locations by the Hike & Bike Subcommittee. The 4B Board approved \$50,000 funding for the project for fiscal year 2018. On January 25, 2018 City Council approved the project. A RFQ will be closed later in February for the project.

Project Manager Reese then provided an update on the Lakeline Park Master Plan. She indicated the PACE Board members should have received an invitation to attend a site visit, along with the 4B Board, City Council, and HOAs. She asked the PACE Board members to please RSVP.

Secretary deBruyn asked whether City Council would agree to adding another figure to the proposed Vietnam War statue design. Project Manager Reese explained they did not specify whether they would. She recommended Board members check in with their appointing City Council members, as adding a third figure would increase the cost of the project. Member Abseck asked where PACE Board members could find the video for the February 8 City Council meeting, and Project Manager Reese said she would send a link to the Board. Member Hayes-McMahon asked whether Council was aware the PACE Board was considering featuring a female figure in a future war memorial statue; Project Manager Reese replied that Council believed that would be too late.

Scott Smith, President of the HOA at Ranch at Brushy Creek, spoke on the North Brushy Creek Trail. He indicated he is excited about the trail and told the Board there is some worry in the neighborhood that if the trail is not built before more houses are completed, there may be opposition to the trail. Mr. Smith said he believes Town Lake trails are dangerously crowded, and he would like to see more trail opportunities in Cedar Park. He said he is disappointed with the City that the sidewalks on Little Elm stop before they reach Bell Boulevard. He said we need to think about connectivity throughout the City.

Member Abseck replied that the Board has spoken about connectivity and is aware of right of way issues with expanding sidewalks. He stated the Board does recognize the issues. Scott Smith said he has spoken to City Council members about the sidewalks and is aware of ADA regulations. Parks and Recreation Director Randa offered to provide an update on the trail gap project in conjunction with the Engineering department at the next PACE Board meeting.

Mel Kirkland said he believes if the North Brush Creek Trail is constructed before houses go in to the neighborhood, buyers will be more open to it. He stated he loves the proposed Vietnam War statue design he saw at the City Council meeting. He felt is appropriate and representative of the era. Mr. Kirkland commended Vice-Chair Hastings for her work on trails in the City and said he hopes for connectivity on Little Elm as the Lakeline Park is designed.

Chair Harman asked Board members to get feedback from City Council on the Vietnam statue and asked for an item to be on the agenda at the next PACE Board meeting. Member Hayes-McMahon asked what the cost would be to add a third figure, and Chair Harman asked for Project Manager Reese to provide a budget snapshot at the next meeting.

A.6 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS.

- a. Special Event Subcommittee – Jazz & Art On Main and Splash Jam Event Updates - Andy deBruyn
Secretary deBruyn told the Board Mayor Matt Powell felt the Splash Jam event was lacking in attendance and focus. He said he met with Hailey, Tara, and Tim in the Parks Department to discuss ideas for a reboot. He noted advertising has already gone out for the Splash Jam event this year, but there are 3 pages of notes from his meeting with Parks to use for a focus next year.

Secretary deBruyn provided an update on the Jazz & Art On Main event, telling Board members the event is totally booked. He said there will be six repeat performers from last year, with four new performers. There will be 34 total art booths, and Chikage Windler will return to emcee the event this year. Chair Harman added that there will be a higher count on booth artists and food trucks this year. She reminded the Board the event will be April 20 – 21, with Saturday having extended hours 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Member Hernandez said she was looking forward to the event, and Member Hayes-McMahon said it would be a good date night.

B.1 Discussion And Possible Action.

- a. Consideration Of The Cedar Park Municipal Facility Light Pole Banner Project.

Project Manager Kimberly Reese updated the Board on the PACE-initiated light pole banner project. She told the Board the 4B Board had approved FY18 funding for the project at their meeting in December 2017. On January 25, 2018 the City Council approved the project. Project Manager Reese said the current plans are to install the banners near the Recreation Center and Library. Next steps for the project include working with Parks and Recreation, Library and Media and Communications staff to highlight existing campaigns at each of the locations and identifying a design firm. She said the project will come back to the PACE Board for final consideration.

Chair Harman asked whether there is a design budget for the project, and Project Manager Reese replied that there is a small amount. Secretary deBruyn asked whether there was any mention by the 4B Board or City Council about a motto for the City to be featured on the banners. Project Manager Reese replied that the project is more focused on the facilities and their offerings. Chair Harman asked whether there is a timeline for the project; Ms. Reese said it would take some time for the design plus a couple months for installation. The project will likely not be finished in the spring, but shortly thereafter. Member Hernandez asked for clarification on the proposed locations, and Project Manager Reese clarified that the banners would be located off Main near the Recreation Center and Discovery near the Library.

b. Consideration Of The Cedar Park Sculpture Garden Program And The FY2019 Call For Entries.

Project Manager updated the PACE Board on the Sculpture Garden, which is now in its sixth year. She explained there is a seven to eight month selection process, and calls for entries would open in late March and close in May. PACE will review the submissions in June, and recommended selections will go before City Council for approval in July. Artists will be notified in late July, and during August and September, staff will prepare the sculpture pads for the new art. In late September, loaned art will be removed and new sculptures will be installed. The Taste of Cedar Park event is scheduled to take place in the garden in October.

Project Manager Reese asked the Board for input on possible changes to the program, including increasing the artist stipend from \$300 to \$400, funding an art tour app to feature the sculpture garden outside of Cedar Park, possibly purchasing currently featured pieces, and possibly relocating a City-owned piece to Building 3 on the City Hall campus. Chair Harman asked whether there were ways to create a tourism tie-in for the garden, including modifying selection criteria to help drive tourism to see the sculptures. Chair Harman stated she hopes to see Cedar Park become a destination, and wondered whether they could tap into ACC or local school campuses. Project Manager Reese explained the City does currently reach out to colleges with the call for entries, and suggested there may be ways to work with hotels to encourage tourists to visit the garden. She said the brochures are currently distributed to local hotels and said the PACE Board could work with the Tourism Board for other ideas. Chair Harman asked whether locations other than Building 3 had been considered for City-owned sculptures and requested a spatial study to identify locations where color, murals, and other art could be located within the City. Project Manager Reese stated she would work with the Legal department on moving publicly owned pieces to private property.

Member Hayes-McMahon asked about the size of the sculpture garden and whether it would always be limited to 12 sculptures. Project Manager Reese explained there are currently 12 sculpture pads, but she would look into the budget for expansion. Member Hernandez said she loves the idea of an art tour app because it would be a great way to make the art interactive and educational, especially for children. She believes the app could add value to the sculpture garden. Secretary deBruyn asked whether interactive murals could be added to City buildings, such as the Milburn Park Pavilion; Parks and Recreation Director clarified there is no wall space on the Pavilion. Secretary deBruyn mentioned wanting to see a tile art project in the City.

C.1 Board Members' Closing Comments.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting - Monday, March 12, 2018 At 6:30 P.M. In The Cedar Park Council Chambers At 450 Cypress Creek Road, Building Four.

Member Hernandez mentioned she would not be at next month's meeting, but she wanted to state she felt it important to review City Council's direction on the Vietnam War statue. She felt they have a good product, but she can see the need to include women. She stated she understands women were not in combat roles at the time, but feels the memorial is for all veterans and welcomes the opportunity to consider the statue again.

Member Abseck stated he is disappointed with City Council's response to the statue. He feels respect for the efforts of those in combat roles is the point of the memorial, and he noted his father served in the Vietnam War.

Vice-Chair Hastings said she is excited to see an RFQ for the "Suburban Ninja" trail, and she hopes the City can get out in front of further residential development near the site. She said she is also excited to see progress with the light pole banner project and hopes the PACE Board will be engaged in the design process. She said she will review the February 8 City Council meeting for comments on the Vietnam statue.

Member Hayes-McMahon felt it was a productive meeting and plans to share her thoughts on the Vietnam statue at the next meeting. She thanked Scott Smith and Mel Kirkland for attending the meeting.

Secretary deBruyn asked for several items to be included on the next meeting agenda, including proposed sculpture locations, the Vietnam War statue, a spatial study for art locations and an update on the trail gap project.

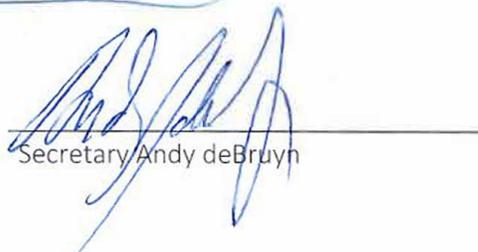
Chair Harman said she felt it was a productive meeting, and told everyone to stay warm. She thanked Mel Kirkland and Scott Smith for attending the meeting and said she appreciates their input.

C.2 Adjournment.

Chair Harman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

MINUTES PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 9th day of April, 2018.


Chair, Kathleen Harman


Secretary Andy deBruyn