

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – June 10, 2014

The June meeting was called to order at 1 pm, Tuesday, June 10th, by Chairman Dave Anderson

In attendance: Anne Hewgley, Pattye Ward, Jennifer Paul, Eric Ovlen, Gail Oberta, Dave Anderson and Robert Smith, representing the Board of Aldermen

Minutes:

The minutes of the April and May meetings were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Jennifer presented the year-to-date budget report. She noted that there were several expenditures that exceeded budgeted amounts: cleaning, electric and supplies. However, she indicated that we still anticipate being at or under budget for the year. We have spent \$15,428 year-to-date, with \$10,071 remaining. She also noted that plumbing expense may be an on-going issue due to the weather variations and the current use and maintenance of the toilet facilities. She indicated that we may need to plan for this in future budgets.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Old Business:

1. **2014-15 Preliminary Budget.** Jennifer presented the preliminary budget for review. She noted that Repairs and Supplies have been increased slightly to reflect the actual experience we have had during the current year. She suggested that the Chair and Commission members may need to be more aware proactively of expenditures for repairs and order to facilitate budget management and possibly work with the MUD to secure additional bids on major repair items. She suggested that the Board of Aldermen make the MUD staff aware of the role of the Commission in managing the budget for the Park. Eric raised a question about the status of the capital improvement budget. Jennifer and Dave explained that there is no specific line item budget for capital improvements but rather unspent funds from each year's budget may be rolled over into the capital fund at the discretion of the Board of Aldermen. In addition, the Board may choose to fund a particular project separate and apart from the current year's budget.

Barring any additional comments, this preliminary budget will be finalized at the next meeting and present to the Board of Aldermen for review at their July 10th meeting.

2. **Dog Park:** Eric reported on his meetings with representative of both Lakeway and Bee Caves Recreation Department and Management staff. Both were adamant about having separate spaces for large and small dogs and having a system for on-going ground cover maintenance. Both expressed concern that their allotted space might not be adequate, and that the on-going expense of waste management bags was higher than expected. In consideration of the identified issues, Commission members felt that space constraints and cost create barriers for further planning at this time. However, the issue will continue to be open for discussion and

input from the community, and the Commission may consider planning a dog-friendly event in the future.

3. Hills Fest: Angie will be invited to either the July or August meeting to discuss plans for HillsFest. A tentative date is October 26, recognizing that this weekend is shared by several other similar community events.

New Business:

Robert suggested that the community may need additional activities for its youth and suggested that the Park, with leadership from the Commission, may be a feasible facility to support a possible sports league or scouting group. The Commission will discuss this further.

Adjournment:

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Oberta, Secretary



DAVID B. ANDERSON
CHAIR