

**TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2014**

The Town Council and Park and Recreation Board met in special session on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at 372 Town Place, Fairview, Texas. Those present were Council Members Darion Culbertson, Jim Cunningham, Ron Samuels, Frank O'Reilly, Paul Hendricks, Mary Price, and Henry Lessner; Park and Recreation Board Members John Brown, Donna Pekarek, Andrea Faulkner, Guy Wormald, and Maryanne Simonsen; Town Manager, Julie Couch; Planning Manager, Ken Schmidt; Town Engineer, James Chancellor; Economic Development Manager, Ray Dunlap; and Town Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni. Park and Recreation Board Members Glenn Messner and Carol Sutton were absent.

Mayor Culbertson called the joint meeting session to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum of the Town Council and the Park and Recreation Board was present

TOWN PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN: Consider and discuss the status of the CPDD planning, status of the Comprehensive Plan including the parks and recreation plan, status of the parks and trails planning in the town and other related items.

Mayor Pro Tem Lessner entered the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Mrs. Couch provided a review from the town's citizen survey results regarding a number of services and perceptions including the information related to parks and recreation. Mrs. Couch stated that she will have more detailed results in the upcoming weeks. The Park and Recreation Board especially showed interest in seeing from the survey results more detailed demographics and age groups from each area surveyed in order to help aid what kind of parks including amenities would be preferred in the different parts of town.

Mrs. Couch addressed the current Land Use Plan update process that Council has been in the process of reviewing. Mrs. Couch spoke to specifically the town's potential to add additional open space and parks, and the potential to have more tools to use along with the town's current parkland dedication requirements.

Mrs. Couch stated that the Council is also currently updating the CPDD Plan. Mrs. Couch stated that they are developing an implementation plan in order to establish open space and attracting high quality unique development that will establish an identity for the town.

The Council and Board members discussed parts of the proposed open space areas within the commercial district and what they would like to see within these areas.

Mrs. Couch indicated that grants are another way to assist with funding parks and trails. The council and board members discussed two areas of town for possible trail connections relative to a grant that is currently available. There was consensus that it was too much work to attempt to be ready for the current grant period, but they both agreed that they would like to continue moving forward with preparation so that future opportunities could be used.

Mrs. Couch noted that the Council initiated a Destination Fairview committee with the charge to make recommendations for future town events. Included in their review is the question of location for such events which may have future impact on land decisions for parks and open space. The Town Council will receive their recommendations in June.

Lastly, Mrs. Couch stated that council will be discussing the development of a long range Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the town. It was discussed that one of the next steps for the town would be to update the master park and trail plan and include consideration of those plans in the update of the town's CIP.

Mayor Culbertson thanked the Park and Recreation Board for their efforts and recommendations along with their continued dedication to the town.

The Town Council and Park and Recreation Board adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.


DARION CULBERTSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, Town Secretary

