

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP WITH
CEDAR HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
AND
CEDAR HILL PARKS BOARD

APRIL 3, 2012

The City Council of the City of Cedar Hill, Texas met in special joint session with the Cedar Hill Community Development Corporation and the Cedar Hill Parks Board on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Court – Multi/Purpose Room, Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., Cedar Hill, Texas.

Mayor Rob Franke called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. and identified that a quorum was present.

Rick Cook, President of the Cedar Hill Parks Board and Don Heitzman – President of the Cedar Hill Community Development Corporation did likewise for their respective boards.

The following members of the City Council were present: Mayor Rob Franke, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel C. Haydin, Jr., Council Members Stephen Mason, Chris Parvin, Clifford Shaw, Cory Spillman and Wallace Swayze.

The following members of the Community Development Corporation were present: Don Heitzman, Don Ripple, Ruth Ann Bechdol, Robbie Slotter, Will Collins and Linda Rodrigue.

The following members of the Parks Board were present: Kiphani Allen, Donna Dietrich, Jesse Shumway, Dustin Ledbetter, Michael Bolton, Marilyn Little, David Bushart, Rick Cook.

Staff members present: City Manager Alan Sims, Deputy City Manager Greg Porter, Assistant City Manager Melissa Stephens, Parks Director Rhoda Savage, Parks Assistant Shonda Johnson, Planning Director Rod Tyler, Main Street and Neighborhood Services Manager Patty Bushart, Recreation Superintendent Carolyn Skeels and Public Works Director Elias Sassoon.

The Parks Department and Francois de Kock, Consultant for Halff and Associates, conducted a workshop on *“Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Visioning Master Plan (MP) – Part 1.”* The Specific objectives are to:

- Recognize the uniqueness of Cedar Hill found in the natural landscapes that comprise the Balcones Escarpment, creeks, and tree massings;
- Identify the needs of existing parks, trails, and recreation facilities;

- Identify the need for additional parks, parkland, trails, and recreation facilities;
- Evaluate the spatial location of Cedar Hill's parks and recreation facilities and recommend measures to ensure a balanced distribution of facilities within the City that are easily accessible to pedestrians;
- Prioritize key park, recreation, and open space improvements;
- Develop a palette of cycling and pedestrian facilities and prioritize a citywide network of connections;
- Create streetscape improvements that will contribute to the image and branding of the city and provide pedestrian and bicycle connections;
- Guide City staff and City leaders in determining appropriate funding levels;
- Develop goals and objectives for improving quality of life within the City; and
- Provide a plan which is consistent with the funding and grant requirements for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

City Council directed Staff to continue in the direction discussed.

Following the presentation, Mayor Frank introduced an action item to consider adoption of Resolution No. R12-357, approving the submission of a grant application to the North Central Texas Council of Governments FY 2013 Solid Waste Implementation Grant.

Council Member Cory Spillman made a motion to approve the item, seconded by Council Member Parvin.

The item passed by unanimous vote.

Absent dissent, Mayor Franke adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.