

MINUTES
TOURISM COMMISSION
January 3, 2019
4:00 p.m.-4th Floor Conference Room

CITY CLERK
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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ron Allen	(11-11)	03/13/19
	Michelle Marguiles	(09-02)	03/13/19
	Travis Perkins	(06-05)	03/13/20
	Matt Robertson	(07-04)	03/13/20
	Richard DeShon	(02-01)	03/13/21

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryan Carter, City Attorney
Jeff Atkins, Assistant Director Parks
Nic Hutchison, City Planner
Rebecca Shipp, Executive Secretary
Bill McMurray-Mayor

Call to Order –Allen called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Allen-Present, Margulies-present, Perkins –present, Robertson-absent, DeShon-present

Quorum is present. Three members constitute a quorum.

Postponements/adjustments to the agenda –

Minutes of the Meeting, August 2, 2018 –

DeShon made the motion to approve the minutes. Perkins seconded

VOTE: Allen-yes, Margulies-yes, DeShon-yes, DeShon-yes

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0, Abstain-0. The minutes are approved.

New Business –

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Allen requested the election of officers be moved to the end of the meeting

Robertson joined the meeting

UPDATE ON ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Allen stated no applications for Transient Guest Tax Funds had been received

UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN

Allen explained the handouts entitled Trails/Water were preliminary plans from SWT Designs. Allen stated the ideas presented are good ideas although he has some issues. Allen stated a connection from Waterworks Road to possibly Cook Road was also something they would be taking a look at. Allen informed the commission enhancements for Remington Nature Center have also been discussed. Allen stated the issue he has is SWT has not contacted all stakeholders. Allen named the Boat Club, catfish tournament guys, the port authority and landowners as a few examples.

Councilman O'Dell stated he sees the potential for a farmers market to be included in the plans.

Marci Bennett stated the trail center group should be involved in discussions as well.

DeShon stated SWT will be presenting again either in January or February at the Pony Express Museum. DeShon stated SWT should have some concrete plans by then although they have not seen anything yet.

Bennett asked if SWT was talking to the National Parks Service. Allen responded yes

Jim Weidinger asked how much money there was to work with and if the plan was to use both city and private funds. Weidinger also asked why the marina was left out.

Allen responded according to SWT a low number of people would actually use the marina. Allen disagrees with this assessment because they haven't spoken to those would use it.

Allen stated they wished to work with private funds whenever possible. Over the course of the 20 year tax there will be approximately \$12million coming in, right now there is about 4 million available.

Allen stated there would be one more meeting with SWT to present the tourism commission with a final draft, presentation to City Council should happen around the end of February. Allen stresses the plan is not set in stone at this point.

Weidinger asked for clarification-we're just looking at concepts and it's up to SWT to sort out and give us a cost estimate.

Allen responded yes, SWT is going to give us cost estimations and also help locate funding.

DeShon stated some projects were prioritized at the last meeting. A vote was held on projects and results should be available at the next meeting.

Allen stated the RFP will occur after this process.

O'Dell stated he noticed the campground was considerably separated from the marina on the preliminary plans from SWT and feels they should be combined.

DeShon stated he felt the RV Park was a feature everyone was impressed with and it had a lot of support.

Perkins reminded the RV Park would also have regenerate revenue.

UPDATE ON ISSUES REGARDING PROPER OPERATIONS OF THE BOAT DOCK FOR FISHING TOURNAMENT

Allen stated there is an issue with the operation of the boat dock. When the water level is low it is hard to get in to the 40' section on the North and the 40' section on the South. After the last fishing tournament the Parks Department was asked to look into it.

Atkins stated they have spoken with Tigerdock regarding the possibility of extending the ramp and the four stiff arms to push the dock further out into the river. Because it is too large of a span their recommendation was to place new anchors for it further down the shoreline. However, if that option was taken it would be affected by high water levels and we would constantly be moving it to accommodate levels. Moving is done by crane and multiple moves would be expensive.

Allen clarified at normal water levels there is no issue.

Atkins stated operations of the dock are set up for river levels of between 10 and 17 feet. At 21' it has to be pulled to avoid damage. Below 10' damages the dock as well because it rides on the rocks.

O'Dell asked if they have been back out to remeasure the water level.

Atkins stated the water depth is not so much the problem as the elevation. Once the water drops to a certain level the stiff arms aren't long enough to reach the water.

There was discussion among audience members regarding the weight of the dock and previous discussions on retrofitting the docks.

Ken Reeder stated the initially the docks were to be 20' sections but ended up at 40' sections. If they had remained at 20' sections there would not be a need for a crane for placement.

Atkins stated the length of the floating sections isn't that much of an issue as lifting the stiff arm and ramp-those must be lifted by crane

Robertson asked if this item had anything to do with the tourism commission or if there was an item to be voted on

Allen clarified he had asked for an update because of the fishing tournament. Last year there wasn't enough room. If funding were an issue it could be voted on tonight.

Atkins stated the plan is to place all 200' of the dock in by April 1st

Allen asked Atkins if signage for rules of operations could be placed

Atkins responded absolutely

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Allen asked if the commission wanted to elect officers now or wait until April.

DeShon made a motion to resolve the issue today. Perkins seconded

No roll call vote taken

Robertson made a motion to have Allen continue as Chairperson. Margulies seconded

Verbal vote take. All responded Aye in unison

OTHER BUSINESS

DeShon invited the commission and those present to hold the next meeting at the Port Authority. The next meeting will be February 7, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Shipp

cc: Paula Heyde, City Clerk
Tourism Commission Members
J. Bruce Woody, City Manager
Clint Thompson, Planning & Community Development Director
Bryan Carter, City Attorney
Tom Mahoney, Administrative Services Director
Mark Townsend, Technology Associate Director