

Collin County  
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board  
Minutes  
May 6, 2015

**Item No. 1**            Call to Order

Steve Wright called to order the meeting of the Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board at 7:40 a.m. The following board members were present: Rutledge Haggard, Norman Gidney, Marianne Wells, Steven Wright, Stephen Kallas and Chris Kern. Myers Park staff present was Judy Florence, Mark Page, Amanda Love, Jennifer Rogers, and Joanie Bishop.

**Item No. 2**            Review and Action to approve January 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Wells made a motion to approve the January 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Gidney.

**Item No. 3**            Update on Farm Museum

Ms. Rogers gave an update on the museum status. A final draft of the collections manual is awaiting approval from Commissioner Web. The museum office has been turned into classroom space to accommodate the growth of the workshops and attendees. Regarding the education and program status, Ms. Rogers reported the following. Packages that were mailed out to the schools has proven successful, especially those schools who are moving towards the “Project Based Learning” module. Feedback and suggestions from the teachers will assist in revisions of the program for next year. The creation of a “Education Catalog” spanning six months of programming has proven to be a successful marketing tool. Unfortunately, the blacksmiths have proven to be unreliable and we will not be scheduling them for future activities and events. Ms. Rogers reported on the mid-year report with revenue of \$3,093.00; this is a 225% increase of the high numbers of 2013. There have been 25 workshops so far with 85 attendees. The school programs that have taken place are the Outreach program with Glen Oaks Elementary/McKinney ISD 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and 1<sup>st</sup> graders visiting the Dairy & Sugar Production and Organic Farming program. The Schoolhouse Farm and Friends program was visited by Farmersville ISD, 1<sup>st</sup> graders, along with Kindergarteners from Johnson Elementary and Walker Elementary both from McKinney ISD. More elementary school tours are scheduled for May.

**Item No. 4** Update on PIP and Budget requests for FY2016

Ms. Florence reported on the following budget program improvements. For Myers Park we are requesting the part time groundskeeper position to go to full time, asking for an additional \$27,000 for this position; Cellular Antenna System for Wireless Access for the Show Barn, \$55,000; a self-dumping hopper trash bins to work off a fork lift, \$8,000; rubber matting at the cattle wash rack, \$8,500, last time we received new ones was in 2009; metal purchase for cattle ties, hog racks, panels for in the Show Barn, \$5,000; bin and drawer cabinet with 126 drawers, \$1000; commercial grade electric range oven for concession stand, current one does not meet commercial standards, \$8,800; trash disposal increase, need additional dumpsters per year and overall increase dumping since we can no longer burn trash, \$7,000; Toro mower, 21” self-propelled commercial grade, \$1,600; additional tables, 18 round and 18 rectangle and 5 rectangle table carts, \$8,000; additional chairs, 40 folding, \$1600. For the Farm Museum budget improvements Ms. Florence reported that an expert appraiser is needed to appraise artifacts worth over \$5,000, this will be approximately \$200 an hour for the appraiser; one museum stainless table, 6 folding tables, 6 bar height stools, one rolling stool, this is all for the workshop classes, \$1300; a training supplies line item to cover costs for classes, \$1500; an instructor pay line item to hire outside instructors for classes, \$240. Ms. Florence reported on the PIP’s requests which include the Gazebo retaining wall which is now deteriorating from erosion; the Show Barn roof has leaks and needs proper repair or replaced; Stall Barn west end re-configuration with installing a concrete space; demolish five of the Baxter’s barns.

**Item No. 5** Update on Projects

The new pavilion that was approved two years ago is now being built. Ms. Florence also explained that there are several work orders involving all areas of the Park that has not been addressed, some a couple years old, some have been closed without the repairs being done and we have submitted more work orders for the same items.

**Item No. 6** Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

The Annual Garden Show (March 21 & 22, 2015) and the Mud Run (April 25, 2015) were both a success. We have been getting more phone calls from the public excited to see the Vintage Market Days will be back again on May 8 & 9, 2015. This event has been a great success in the past at Myers Park.

**Item No. 7**                      Preparation for Commissioners Court Workshop

Some topics being discussed were the following. We are looking to know what is the vision and mission of Myers Park. Do we provide events or produce revenue. Either way, the entire Park and all its facilities needs to be kept in good working condition. This also affects our employees with the requirements it puts on them. There is a concern with the surrounding neighborhoods being built and this will put a continued demand on the Park, whether it is for public events or private events.

**Item No. 8**                      Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

**Item No. 9**                      Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.