

Collin County  
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board  
Minutes  
January 26, 2016

**Item No. 1**            Call to Order

Rutledge Haggard called to order the meeting of the Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board at 7:37 a.m. The following board members were present: Rutledge Haggard, Norman Gidney, Marianne Wells, and Chris Kern. Myers Park staff present was Judy Florence, Mark Page, Jennifer Rogers, and Joanie Bishop.

**Item No. 2**            Review and Action to approve October 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gidney made a motion to approve the October 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes, second by Ms. Wells.

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

Ms. Rogers reported on the Farm Museum's Collection Status with the Collection Manual being approved by the Commissioners. The first activity being pursued is to have the capitalized artifacts of \$5,000 or more appraised. Next is identifying artifacts to be disposed in order to compile a list and make recommendations to the Purchasing Department. Another project is identifying unclaimed loans and the return or acquisition procedures. With the Education programs, Ms. Rogers reported they are beginning to receive contacts from schools and home schools to schedule programs during the spring, starting in March and April. She is working with the Collin County Teen and Tween Homeschoolers to organize classes for 12 to 18 year olds starting late February. The new neighborhood, Trinity Falls, located near the Park has a "Living Coordinator" and would like to work with the Farm Museum in organizing group activities for their community. Ms. Rogers said responses to a survey regarding Adult Summer Camp idea was positive and is now being organized for July and August. The educational workshops for the spring, March to May 2016 are now being finalized and the brochures will be ready for printing in February.

**Item No. 4**            Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

Mr. Page reported that the Collin County Junior Livestock Show that took place the first week of January went well. This year the Show was spread out over more days and this helped quite a bit in having the Show run smoothly, and our staff did not have to work as much overtime as they had in years past. February and into March will have lots of dog shows, and March will start the rush of wedding season. The annual Collin County Master Gardener show will take place in March. The Color Run will be here with a tentative date for May.

**Item No. 5**                    Update on Approved Budget Projects

Ms. Florence reported that the Pole Barn enclosures will be installed at the end of this week. A pre-bid meeting took place last week on the Cellular Antenna for at the Show Barn. Ms. Florence said they are trying to move forward with the project of the installation of the steps leading from the Farm Museum to the Perennial Garden. The new commercial grade oven for the Show Barn is currently on order. One hopper has been purchased and proved to be a tremendous help already. Ms. Florence is hoping to get two to three more next year. The project of new chairs at The Landing is at a stand-still due to the fact that the current type of chair that we have is no longer being made by the manufacturer; we have to decide if we want to order all new chairs. Ms. Florence also confirmed that a rock parking lot will be put in on one of the soccer fields instead of the grass paver parking lot at the polo fields.

**Item No. 6**                    Discussion, Update and any Action on School of Permaculture proposal

At the time of the meeting no further information has been presented on the proposal from the School of Permaculture to install ponds, creeks, perennial gardens, wildflowers, trees and natural pathways at the Park. Mr. Haggard made a motion to not approve or move forward with this project. He feels it does not fit the Park and the soil is not good enough. He pointed out having a limited budget and limited staff makes it difficult to have and maintain such projects after it is complete. Ms. Wells second the motion, and feels we should not have further discussion of any other community gardens or agricultural projects unless we have more funds and staff. Mr. Kern is open to new projects such as this proposal, but understands the resources to develop and maintain such a project is limited with the Park. A vote was taken on the motion to not approve or pursue this project and passed.

**Item No. 7**                    Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

**Item No. 8**                    Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.