

MINUTES OF THE SPRING RIVER ZOO REVIEW COMMITTEE
City Hall
425 N. Richardson
May 28, 2019
4:30 PM

Call to Order

Committee Chair, Angela Moore called the May 28, 2019 meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following were present:

Members: Committee Chair, Councilor Angela Moore, Councilor Jacob Roebuck, Councilor Judy Stubbs, and Staff Liaison, Marge Woods.

Staff present: Mike Matthews, Deputy City Manager; Jim Burress, Parks & Recreation Director; Juanita Jennings, Public Affairs Director; Aaron Holloman, City Attorney; Marge Woods, Zoo Superintendent; Scott Sherwood, Zookeeper; Ayrin Meeks, Zookeeper; Amy Youngren, Zookeeper; and Lisa Bennett, Administrative Assistant.

Public present: Kerry Moore and Vicki Burgess; Friends of Spring River Zoo; Don Weld, Kelly Smith, Susan Goldstrom, Corrine Meda, Ivan Hall, Susan Weston and Allison Penn, Roswell Daily Record.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Roebuck motioned to approve the agenda as presented, member Stubbs seconded, a voice vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Member Stubbs motioned to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting, member Roebuck seconded. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Review of the Zoo Master Plan – Jim Burress
Jim Burress, Director of Parks and Recreation gave a brief overview of what is included in the City Council approved Zoo Master Plan. He went on to explain the things that the staff have already been able to do with only their operating budget. He then answered some questions presented by the committee and some of the public present.

2. Staff reports on interim improvements – Marge Woods
Marge Woods, Spring River Park & Zoo Superintendent began her presentation with an introduction of some of the Zookeeping staff from the Zoo, Scott Sherwood, Ayrin Meeks and Amy Youngren. Marge then gave a PowerPoint presentation to the committee with pictures to show the before and after improvements that have been made throughout the Zoo. Next, Susan Weston, Friends of the Zoo President gave a short presentation on the changes and

improvements being made within the Friends organization to better fundraise for the Zoo.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

3. Review and discuss current Zoo Mission Statement

After discussion with input from members and guests present, the Committee discussed perhaps including grant writing into the Mission Statement as well as making it shorter and more concise.

4. Labor Day Event

Councilor Roebuck wanted to know what the arrangement is with the Roswell Symphony Orchestra for the Labor Day event. He also asked if perhaps the Turtle Run, which is held the same weekend could be combined with the Labor Day concert for a whole Zoo event weekend.

Juanita Jennings, Public Affairs Director responded on the subject saying that over the years, things have changed regarding the partnership with the Roswell Symphony Orchestra and at this time, it is a benefit concert for the Zoo. On their application for the event, the RSO has only requested the use of the City stage and restrooms. Juanita Jennings also stated that including the Turtle Marathon has been considered, but because of the distance of a marathon, the Zoo isn't a viable option.

5. Set two immediate goals

After some discussion, it was determined to table this item at this time.

CHAIR COMMENTS / REPORTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Not applicable.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Next Committee meeting: July 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.