

**MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 11, 2013**

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session November 11, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Committee Chairman Jeff Doss called the meeting to order. Committee Members present: Nancy Swan, Tonya Cummings, Carol Ingham, Michael Crevoisier, Larry Morris, Barbara Schmitz and Arnold English. Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery and Markham Benn were absent. Nancy Swan served as Secretary.

**CONSENT ITEM:**

- Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for September 9, 2013. Tonya Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Arnold English. The motion passed unanimously.

**WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:**

Nine (9) Wildlife Incident Reports were submitted; 2 dead fawns, 2 dead does, 4 reports on the same buck – 3 of him being injured and 1 of him being put down, and 1 of another buck being put down. Larry Morris made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incidents Reports. The motion was seconded by Carol Ingham. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION:**

Deer Project Manager, Michael Mayfield, combined his presentation with agenda item # 4.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Ortega was concerned about the number of deer in HP (199). He has been talking with Deer Project Manager (DPM) about the number that they feel would be appropriate for HP. He also stated that he knows of a ranch near Houston interested in TTT, but is still negotiating with the owner who is concerned with possible diseases from our deer.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Chairman, Jeff Doss, suggested that agenda item # 4 be considered as the first item of business so that the DPM could speak and leave early if necessary.

4. Review, discuss and take possible action on the H.P. Deer Manager's position and Plan.

DPM said in a discussion with the mayor that they felt one (1) deer for every ten (10) acres for HP is appropriate and since there are 800 acres in HP, 80 deer would be a good number. The city budget has allowed for 40 deer to be TTT, however he has not been able to find ranches for them. The State requires a \$750 release site fee that in the past ranchers have paid, this year they do not want to pay the fee and HP has not budgeted for this. He is concerned about the one ranch that is available in Ozona is too far away (5 hours) to be practical. Trapping could only bring possibly 5 to 6 deer at a time and once trapped these deer must be transported and can not be held. Jeff Doss mentioned if necessary we can do TTP. Tonya Cummings asked if he would be concentrating on does. DPM said if he was darting he could pick and choose, but he can not dart for TTP because the drug stays in the body for up to 45 days, however he will focus on the does. He will trap at night when the deer are calmer and at Jeff Doss's suggestion welcomed Deer Committee members to attend. Thus far, there are two sites for the traps – one on Meadowbrook, near Sequoia and one on El Cerrito, near Antelope. Larry Morris mentioned another possible site could be on the property near Voigt Center. Trapping will begin in mid December. Tonya Cummings made a motion to TTP 40 deer and Larry Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 1 nay from Nancy Swan. Tonya Cummings went on record stating that as President of HP Humane Society she did not like making the motion, and voting for TTP, but thought it the only option under present circumstances. DMP will continue to look for ranches. Barbara Schmitz suggested Bastrop State Park may be in need of deer due to the fire. DPM will look into the matter. He stated that once the numbers were down, contraception is a possible option. He also stated that next year we may be able to partner with Hill Country Village for trapping. Arnold English motioned that the rest of the agenda be tabled until the next meeting, Barbara Schmitz seconded and the motion passed.

**CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:**

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing signs in Hollywood Park.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action on the results from H.P. Fall Deer Survey, Sept. 26, 2013.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on Whitetail Deer Fawn Survival publication presented by City Councilman, Steve Phillips.

Larry Morris motioned for the next H.P. Deer Committee Meeting to be tentatively set for January 13, 2014, depending on the DPM's work schedule. Arnold English seconded the motion. Concerns arose about missing a meeting in December during the trapping season and Jeff Doss asked DPM if he would continue to keep in contact with LuAnn Montgomery and keep her informed and the DPM agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNED:**

Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ( )  
CORRECTED ( ) THIS 6 DAY OF JAN, 2014.**

  
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Chairman, Jeff Doss

**ATTEST:**

  
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Acting Secretary, Nancy Swan

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City Attorney