

MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 13, 2015

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session July 13, 2015 at 7:12 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, Carol Ingham, Barbara Schmitz, Tonya Cummings, Larry Morris and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery. Markham Benn, Michael Crevoisier and new member Randy Thomasini were absent.

CONSENT ITEM:

Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for Apr. 13, 2015. A notation was made with the current deer expenditure report figure missing. LA Montgomery stated she had it and that it would be added prior to the next meeting. Jeff Doss made a motion to approve the minutes, based upon addition of 2014-15 expenditure added to the document. The motion was seconded by Nancy Swan. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:

The Wildlife Incident Reports submitted reflect 6 dead does and 3 dead fawns. A fawn caught in a fence that was safely released and a resident called, concerned with a fawn temporarily left by its mother. Larry Morris informed the group that he finds fawn carcasses on / near his property, assuming they're left by coyotes. LA Montgomery expressed concern that we were not obtaining as many lymph nodes for tissue sampling being submitted to A&M for CWD. Tonya Cummings made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incident Reports. The motion was seconded by Larry Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

There was no presentation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Council Member, Steve Phillips announced the Hollywood Park was eradicating unwanted China Berry, Ligustrum and Chinese Tallow trees from along creek beds and public owned areas, bringing attention to the effect this may have on the deer population and bees.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. 2015 Spring Survey results.

The Spring Survey was conducted May 7, 2015 with the following results: 31 bucks and 69 does with a total of 100 deer observed. Most fawns had not been born, as they were not included in this count. Nancy Swan passed out a map overlay developed by David Swan reflecting 15 routes taken during the Spring Survey and associated number of deer observed on each. Jeff Doss requested the Fall Survey be scheduled with Barbara Schmitz proposing Sept. 24, 2015. Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the date of Sept. 24, 2015 for the H.P. Fall Survey. Karen Waugh made the request in placing a reminder in the Sparks, cross referencing the city's website for survey results. The motion was seconded by Larry Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review, discuss and take possible action on TTT update and associated H.P. Deer Management expenditures.

Jeff Doss announced a positive CWD was located in Medina County. We will continue extracting tissue samples to submit for lab analysis until otherwise notified from TPW. Michael Mayfield stated he would contact us pending further developments. LA Montgomery informed the committee we had spent an approximate \$5300 out of the \$8500 in the 2014-15 deer budget and would have funds to begin the 2015-16 season. Steve Phillips recommended we make a request for additional funds prior to the month of May when Council determines proposed budget.

3. Review, discuss and take possible action on updated status of Deer Crossing road signs and magnetic signs.

Tonya Cummings stated that most Deer Crossing signs have been posted with the exception of approximately 3 or 4 of them in areas on / near Yosemite, Wm. Claussen and Rua De Matta. Barbara Schmitz suggested a photograph of the darts from the fall darting session be posted on the city's digital sign outside City Hall so that residents know what they are if found. Doss disagreed. Nancy Swan expressed importance in knowing the found darts were harmless. LA Montgomery informed the committee that she carried one in her pocket, showing it to residents while searching for the missing darts. Magnetic signs and vests identifying deer removal participants with the City of Hollywood Park logo so that residents would be aware of who was on their property and/or why. Doss and L. Morris stated they didn't want to alarm anyone. Steve Phillips said he would address City Council with the issue.

4. *Review, discuss and take possible action on spaying deer as a form of permanent birth control.*

Both B. Schmitz and LA Montgomery stated they would begin making contact with colleagues and TX A&M personnel regarding participation and said they will forward and/or share with Ms. Janice Alamia.

CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on 2015 H.P. Fall Survey reminder.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action on TTT update and associated H.P. Deer Management expenditures.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on contact regarding spaying deer as a form of permanent birth control.

The schedule for the next H.P. Deer Committee Meeting was set for Sept. 14, 2015. Larry Morris made a motion to accept the next meeting schedule/agenda and adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Ingham. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED:

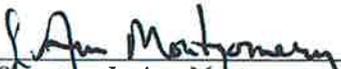
Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ().
CORRECTED () THIS 14 DAY OF SEPT, 2015.



Chairman, Jeff Doss

ATTEST:



Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery



City Attorney