

MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING
JAN. 12, 2015

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session Jan. 12, 2015 at 7:08 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, Michael Crevoisier, Barbara Schmitz, Tonya Cummings, and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery. Markham Benn and Larry Morris were absent. We received word that Arnold English resigned due to health issues.

CONSENT ITEM:

Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for Dec. 8, 2014. Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Michael Crevoisier. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:

The Wildlife Incident Reports submitted reflect 1 injured doe and 3 injured bucks. Tonya Cummings made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incident Reports. The motion was seconded by Nancy Swan. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

No Presentation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

No Citizen Participation.

ACTION ITEMS:

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

Tonya Cummings provided information on the sedative used for darting the deer and a spreadsheet from HPPD in TTT procedures performed Dec. 12, 2014. The spreadsheet reflected 14 mature does, 5 young does and 1 young buck for a total 17 deer captured. There were 16 out of 21 darts fired that were recovered. Deer Committee volunteers were T. Cummings and J. Doss, assisting in spreading corn while the darts were being prepared. They observed the deer were sedated and very calm throughout the process of having their ears tattooed and gently placed into the trailer for antidote and safe keeping until transport. A red tinted light was utilized during these procedures. It was reported that approximately half the darts that hit the deer and injected the sedative fell out and were recovered the following day. The GPS darts are still on back-order. The next scheduled TTT event is Jan. 23, 2015. Mayfield stated they wanted to get more done earlier in the season due to the bucks dropping their antlers, so they are proceeding with their current supplied materials. It was asked if the darts had fluorescent color that would make them easier to see. The answer was, "yes, they have bright colored tips." It was also asked if a metal detector would help in finding the unrecovered darts, but was answered with not needing one. Tonya Cummings rode in the patrol car that HPPD Officer Bass drove while Mayfield darted the deer from the back seat and said that it was very good having the police department involved and that the next TTT should be done as efficiently. There is no new word on the dart investigation that is being done by the dart manufacturer due to them falling out and becoming misplaced other than the fact they plan to ship darts with better collars or barbs so they will stay in the hide until removed or animal found. Darts with barbs that have to be removed from the deer by incising the hide will not be used. We were informed the land owner of the Ozona release destination for the Jan. 23rd TTT plans to remove the trailer of deer approximately 5-6 am the following morning, Jan. 24, 2015. It had been observed that Mayfield and his team work very well together in getting the task done. Doss said that it was amazing the TTT went as well as it did for 17 deer being darted and removed. When asked about the number of deer that can be placed comfortably in a stock trailer, a reply that a size of trailer that could accommodate approximately 20 deer would be ideal. The subject of exceeding the number of deer to be removed from H.P. surfaced, saying that due to logistics, it may very well happen with the total removed from H.P. may be 55-60, rather than the number of "up to 50", as previously voted on by deer committee members. It was suggested that we encourage a minimum of 3 committee volunteers for future TTT events so that 2 can tend the campsite housing gear, equipment & medication while another rides in the patrol car, taking notes of dart locations and details. Volunteers for Jan. 23rd TTT was L.A. Montgomery, T. Cummings and C. Ingham with B. Schmitz and M. Crevoisier as back up. T. Cummings said she would correlate with the volunteers to be at city hall or across the street about 6:30 pm the evening of the next scheduled TTT.

2. *Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing sign locations in Hollywood Park*
Updated status is reported that 3 of the deer crossing signs will be up this week where pre-existing signs had been.
3. *Review, discuss and take possible action on spaying deer as a form of permanent birth control.*
This item was tabled for future meetings.

CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on TTT update and associated H.P. Deer Management expenditures.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action on updated status of Deer Crossing sign locations in Hollywood Park.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on spaying deer as a form of permanent birth control.

The schedule for the next H.P. Deer Committee Meeting was set for Feb. 9, 2015. Nancy Swan 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:

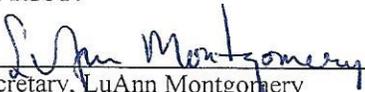
Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ()
CORRECTED () THIS 13 DAY OF APR., 2015.



Chairman, Jeff Doss

ATTEST:



Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery

City Attorney