

MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2014

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session February 10, 2014 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, Arnold English, Barbara Schmitz, and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery. Markham Benn was absent.

CONSENT ITEM:

- Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for Jan. 6, 2014. Tonya Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Arnold English. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:

Eight Wildlife Incident Reports were submitted; Total **Dead: 4**; 1 buck, 3 does. Total **Injured: 4**; 3 bucks, 1 doe. Tonya Cummings brought up the issue regarding poaching in the community with arrows. H.P.P.D. is made aware of the situation and has been reported to Tonya. Larry Morris inquired of the status of the antlers on dead bucks to be picked up. T. Cummings responded by stating the H.P.P.D. covers the larger bucks with tarps to discourage people from taking the antlers. Discussion continued with concerns of Waste Management employees or others exposed to the carcasses removing the antlers once they have been picked up. Questions arose in the removal of the antlers before the carcasses were picked up. LuAnn Montgomery recently learned from a TPW Game Warden that the removal of any antlers without the proper permit or tag could result in felony charges. Tonya Cummings volunteered to complete further research on this issue. Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incidents Reports. The motion was seconded by B. Schmitz. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Chairman, Jeff Doss reported Deer Manager was ill and could not attend the meeting, so he updated the committee members with deer trapping status.

Doss shared M. Mayfield's desire of H.P. Deer Committee members not being present during deer trapping and that no deer being trapped was unacceptable. He relayed his concerns to Mayfield in wanting to help with the process. Mayfield has staggered feeding times at the trap sites and is monitoring. Mayfield has requested no help from the deer committee members. As of this date, one small buck has been trapped, slaughtered and processed. Discussion included the trap size and questioned whether they were working properly. Doss stated he had volunteered getting feeding blocks from local feed stores, but Mayfield did not want odd-hour visitation from the deer in the traps. Doss, along with L. Morris has inspected the ground within the traps and reported activity. It was asked why Mayfield didn't want the deer committee members present and response was simply "he took offense to us being there." As long as he is working "under" the mayor and is getting paid for his services, he'll follow the mayors' agendas. Doss asked the committee members if we wanted to ask Mayfield if we could ride along to "observe" and stated he would do so. He gave instructions to observers to email Janice Alamia at City Hall to report the findings and results of their observations to her with the request to send to remaining H.P. Deer Committee members. Mention was made by L. Morris about the small children living next to the Fleetwood/Voigt trap. It was also suggested the residents be asked not to feed the deer during trapping season. "We would be taking many steps back if we were to remove the deer feeding ordinance", says N. Swan. Many members including N. Swan indicated they would respect the deer trapping project by not feeding during trapping season.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing signs in Hollywood Park. Larry Morris's research on this subject has resulted in an excellent report. Morris handed out H.P. map reflecting the following elements:
 - a) Deer / Auto kill locations
 - b) 30 mph speed zones
 - c) 20/25 mph speed zones
 - d) Street light locationsThe map further indicates:
 - o In all of Hollywood Park, there are only 2 Deer Signs; Donella and Mecca/Sunway.Morris went on to report:
 - 30% of all H. P. deer fatalities are vehicular. The majority of those during spring and summer involve fawns and are on major thoroughfares within the community. Members speculated this was due from cut-thru traffic and drivers not being as familiar with unidentified deer crossing locations. Residents of Hollywood Park are aware of these areas and are more cautious.Doss says "the results are eye-opening". We may be seeing more activity from an increase in Wildlife Incident Reports being completed and had suggested an overlay map to include incident locations with Deer Survey results. Carol Ingham questioned whether we would want to include all the entrances from Hill Country Village, with response from members as "yes." It was also suggested to lower the speed limit throughout areas of the community in lieu of the addition of Deer Crossing signs. Michael Crevoisier says his attention is drawn to deer signs with flashing lights (powered by solar panels). Many committee members agreed. Morris recommended determining the number of signs requested being the next step. Doss stated this was a good presentation / discussion and recommended it be taken to Council Member Chris Fails by L. Morris and him. Tonya Cummings added the fact that Mr. German was scheduled to present his recommendations to EDC in the near future for slower traffic and that this could possibly be an added factor. A member had also observed inconsistency in speed zones (within same location) within the community. Another had referred to recent poaching activities and suggested poaching signs being included, as Hill Country Village posts. Flashing light cost is of concern, as well as the financial responsibility of this project. Nancy Swan recommended the source of funding be researched and determined. There was no further action or discussion.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. Fall Deer Survey. Questions arose why we were discussing the "Fall" survey, rather than the "Spring" survey. Brain fart, I guess. A motion was made by LuAnn Montgomery this action item be tabled until after the trapping had been complete or March meeting. The motion was seconded by N. Swan. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on Whitetail Deer Fawn Survival publication presented by City Councilman, Steve Phillips. A motion was made by T. Cummings this action item be tabled until Steve Phillips was present. The motion was seconded by C. Ingham. The motion passed unanimously.

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. deer trapping.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on Spring Deer Survey.
4. Review, discuss and take possible action on the disposition and/or collection of antlers from expired bucks.

The schedule for the next H.P. Deer Committee Meeting was set for Mar. 10, 2014. Nancy Swan made a motion to accept the next meeting schedule/agenda and adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by L. Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ()
CORRECTED () THIS 10 DAY OF March, 2014.**



Chairman, Jeff Doss

ATTEST:



Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery

City Attorney