

MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPT. 8, 2014

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session Sept. 8, 2014 at 7:07 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, Arnold English, Barbara Schmitz, Tonya Cummings, Larry Morris and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery. Markham Benn was absent.

CONSENT ITEM:

Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for July 7, 2014. Arnold English pointed out an error documented regarding his recommendation, stating the Minutes read that he agreed with Mayfield's recommendation of removing 75 deer, when he had actually disagreed. Notation was made on the signed Minutes. Tonya Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Carol Ingham. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:

The Wildlife Incident Reports submitted reflect 4 dead fawns, 4 rescued fawns and 2 dead bucks. Lymph nodes were removed from one of the bucks and currently preserved. Larry Morris made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incident Reports. The motion was seconded by Arnold English. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Chris Fails commented on mayoral duties and feels the Deer Committee is here for a reason and is something he doesn't feel he should be as active participant as in the past reigns. He stated that day to day operations and finances be overseen by the Deer Committee, providing that a location on premises be utilized for storage of items purchased by the City of Hollywood Park for deer management. The Committee was instructed to send recommendations to Janice and/or Naomi for approved items to be purchased. Anything outside that issue will be addressed with City Council. He says he trusts the judgment and decisions of the Deer Committee and he wants the Committee in power and with authority. Jeff Doss wanted assurance in adjusting the current approved budget since darting and sedation expenses will cause the amount to become higher. Mayor Fails stated it would be taken to Council for increase approval. The question of the Deer Manager salary being included in the current approved budget with the answer being "no, it is not included". City Secretary, Janice Alamia stated that one person from the Deer Committee will be designated to approve purchases requested by the Deer Manager. Once it has been approved and requested by the committee designee, it is sent to Naomi with CC to Janice and (Deer Manager) Michael Mayfield. The Finance Department will then be informed. The flowchart: Michael > Committee Designee > Naomi, CC: Janice & Michael = Supporting Data. Michael Mayfield wants to see CWD testing expenses not be included with the budget for deer management. (City finance budget - Line #519391) Mayor Fails responded in adding \$500 for CWD testing expenses. Arnold English made a motion to approve a total of \$8500 to cover deer management and CWD expenses. The motion was seconded by Larry Morris. The motion passed unanimously. Morris brought attention to City of Hollywood Park Ordinance #887 that states "The Deer Manager answers to the Mayor" in various areas and that this ordinance must be modified for Committee authority. LuAnn Montgomery was assigned Deer Committee designee.

H.P. Deer Manager Michael Mayfield states that he his position has been converted from a contractor to city employee. Janice informed the group that the state of Texas mandates this action to take place and this status must be adhered to due to state law. Doss told the committee that 2 ranches will be taking H.P. deer with Mayfield adding that it has already received approval from TPW and ranch biologists with TPW final approval occurring within 15 days. He said that he had also applied for TTP and was approved "just in case" it was needed. A ranch located near Ozona is approved to receive up to 40 deer and a smaller ranch north of Hondo has been approved to receive up to 25 deer. Release site fees of \$750 have been waived. Mayfield says they would like to try to dart approximately 15 deer per session in making it feasible and said he actually has 80 TTT permits and several TTP permits. He would like to have the feeders up by the middle of September before the mating season (rut) begins. They would be utilized during the months of October and November; then again in February and March. He told the committee that the ranchers would like to receive bucks if we'll give them, but they have agreed on taking does. It was mentioned that we could possibly send bucks later in the season in being considerate to the ranchers accepting our deer. Mayfield asked if Police Department would be involved with the darting process with response from Mayor Fails, "Yes, the Police Department will ride along or escort". Doss asked if Deer Committee members can ride along or get involved with response from Mayfield, "Yes, there's no issues with that". Tonya Cummings stated she would insure Mayfield and Police Chief Shad Prichard share contact information.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

No Citizen Participation.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ***Review, discuss and take possible action on proposed H.P. Deer Management Plan for 2014-15 deer season.***
As documented per presentations. Barbara Schmitz brought copies of the publication "Out of Season" by Karen Lange that addresses spaying deer as a form of permanent birth control with an expense of approximately \$500 per animal. To be revisited next meeting.
2. ***Review, discuss and take possible action on submitted proposed H.P. Deer Management expenditures.***
As documented per presentations.
3. ***Review, discuss and take possible action on 2014 Fall Deer Survey.***
Barbara Schmitz made a motion to schedule the 2014 Fall Deer Survey Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014 at 6:30. The motion was seconded by Larry Morris. The motion passed unanimously. Karen Waugh, co-editor of The Sparks and Janice Alamia told the Committee they would send out email notification to the community for participation.
4. ***-Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing signs in Hollywood Park.***
Tonya Cummings presented the Deer Crossing signs that the Economic Development Committee are recommending. Since they are paying for them, we agreed on their green signs with either a white or yellow leaping buck displaying the words "Slow" and "Caution". Since regulatory street legal signs were not available, the majority of the committee voted for use of the white colored deer. Vote count: 5 – white deer; 2 – yellow deer. Larry Morris shared an observation with the group pointing out that fewer fawn fatalities have occurred since the speed limit in Hollywood Park was lowered to a consistent 25mph throughout the majority of the community.

CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on 2014 Fall Deer Survey results.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action on proposed H.P. Deer Management Plan for 2014-15 deer season status.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on submitted proposed H.P. Deer Management expenditures.
4. Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing sign locations in Hollywood Park.
5. 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 Oct. 13, 2014. Nancy Swan made a motion to accept the next meeting schedule/agenda and adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by LuAnn Montgomery. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED:

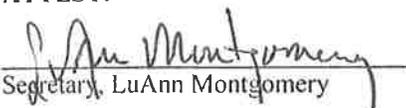
Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ()
CORRECTED () THIS 13 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.



Chairman, Jeff Doss

ATTEST:



Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery

City Attorney