



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners present:

Chairman David Krawczynski
Vice Chairman Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Desiree Garner
Commissioner Rick Hannasch
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Councilmember Robb Erickson (ex-officio)

Commissioners Absent:

None

Also Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Krawczynski at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2017 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Citizen's Participation – 3 minute limit per citizen

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke regarding deer resistant plants and provided handouts.

3. Business Items-

The Committee may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

a) Minutes- June 19, 2017 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kneupper, and seconded by Commissioner Hannasch, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2017. The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission voted seven (7) for, none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Drawing for staggered terms of office.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission drew for terms of office and the following terms were drawn:

Chairman David Krawczynski – 2 year term
Vice Chairman Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia – 2 year term
Commissioner Troy Bippert – 1 year term
Commissioner Desiree Garner – 1 year term
Commissioner Rick Hannasch – 1 year term
Commissioner Ken Kneupper – 2 year term
Commissioner Paul Sullivan – 2 year term

c) Review and discuss wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.
i. Police

Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief, reviewed the Police Department report of wildlife incidents reported in the City limits.

The Commission discussed the report and safety precautions when dealing with wildlife/human accidents.

ii. Animal Control

Eric Lowman, Animal Control, reviewed the Animal Control report of dead wildlife that has been picked up in the City during 2016 and 2017.

The Commission discussed the report, pet safety issues in regards to the wildlife, and the new fawns currently being seen.

d) Discuss and develop a list of priorities and goals related to Wildlife Management in the City of Garden Ridge.

The Commission discussed priorities and goals related to Wildlife Management in the City. They provided the following:

- Conducting deer counts in July
- Work with Texas Parks and Wildlife for priorities and guidelines
- Conduct a survey
- Create Subcommittees to look at different issues regarding Wildlife Management.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan, and seconded by Commissioner Shanahan-Segovia to appoint Subcommittees. After additional discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

e) Discuss training needs and options.

The Commission discussed training needs and options available to them.

Chairman David Krawczynski asked Commissioners to look at training options and to bring those options with the cost to the next Commission meeting. He asked that Commissioner Kneupper contact Texas Parks and Wildlife regarding training at the August 21st meeting.

f) Review and discuss the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission FY2018 Budget.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reviewed the proposed FY2018 Budget for the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission. She stated the budgeted amount of \$25,000 can be used towards training and other issues related to wildlife management.

g) Report on City Council items discussed at the July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting regarding Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

Chairman David Krawczynski stated at the July 5, 2017 City Council meeting, he and Vice Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia were introduced by Councilmember Erickson. He reported to the City Council that the Commission received a brief update was provided regarding the Open Meeting Act and Public Information Act.

h) Set date, time and location for next meeting (August 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.).

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission is scheduled for August 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

i) Future Agenda Items.

The Commission provided the following as future agenda items:

- Training on deer counts
- Animal Control resources to handle Wildlife
- Monthly Animal Control and Police Department Reports in relations to wildlife
- View other municipalities' wildlife management programs

4. Citizen Participation – 2 minute limit per citizen

John McCaw, 21649 Forest Waters Circle, (Councilmember Place 1, but speaking as resident), spoke regarding personal knowledge of deer attacking residents, deer counts, and wildlife management budget history.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Sullivan and a second by Commissioner Hannasch, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary



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City of Garden Ridge Animal Control Yearly Wildlife Report

	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Deer	312	181	179	61	733
Raccoons	81	52	43	19	195
Opossums	40	37	49	32	158
Skunks	21	21	24	17	83
Wild hogs	22	6	5	18	51
Turtles	9	16	5	3	33
Squirrels	29	12	3	0	44
Foxes	7	0	7	2	16
Armadillos	26	15	23	8	72
Hawks	3	0	1	0	4
Bats	1	0	0	0	1
Coyotes	1	1	0	1	3
Buzzards	3	0	0	2	5
Ringtails	0	2	0	3	5
Snakes	9	0	3	6	18

Total	564	343	342	172	0	0	0	0	0	YTD Total	1421
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