



City of Garden Ridge

"A way of life, not just a place to live"

MINUTES OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners present:

Chairman David Krawczynski
Vice Chairman Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Rick Hannasch
Commission Dawn Hatch
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Councilmember Robb Erickson (ex-officio)

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Paul Sullivan

Also Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Eric Lowman, Animal Services
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

Other Appointed or Elected Officials in Attendance:

Mayor Thompson
Mayor Pro Tem McCaw
Councilmember Bower
Commissioner Dr. Miller (Planning and Zoning Commission)

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 Chairman Krawczynski at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2018 in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge Allegiance

Chairman Krawczynski led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Citizen's Participation

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, stated she provided the Garden Ridge Library with a notebook of research on deer resistant plants and she will now update the notebook to include the butterfly information.

4. Business Items-

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

a) Approvals

i. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Hannasch, to approve the Minutes for March 19, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Discussion on the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission communications outside of Commission meetings (Mayor Thompson). (Addendum item posted April 11, 2018).

Mayor Thompson reminded the Commission of the Texas Open Meeting Act and the rule on communications with other Commissioners. He encouraged the Commissioners to be careful when communicating with each other and recommended communication with City Staff instead of each other.

c) Education/training session - limited to 20 minutes.

i. Deer resistant plants that attract butterflies, bees, and pollinators. Presented by Drake White (Hannasch).

Chair Krawczynski stated each month the Commission will be holding a 20 minute educational session at the beginning of each meeting. He stated this month the topic is Deer Resistant Plants that attract butterflies, bees and pollinators; he welcomed Drake White.

Commissioner Hatch introduced Drake White and read a brief bio on her qualifications.

Drake White, Certified Texas Master Naturalist, provided a powerpoint presentation of Why Native Plants (see attached).

Members of the audience asked questions regarding grasses, butterfly bushes, pesticides, mashes and ways to eliminate insects.

Drake White thanked everyone for attending and reminded the audience that if you want to kill insects, then plant items that will attract the things that will eat them.

d) Recommendations

i. Texas Parks and Wildlife recommendations and procedures for possible Bottle Neck disease recently detected in local deer herd.

a. For autopsy on a deceased deer from accident or injury or harvested deer.

b. Cost and provider for autopsy (Krawczynski).

c. Make a recommendation on Bottle Neck disease to the City Council.

Vice Chair Segovia, stated she has contacted a Veterinarian with Texas Parks and Wildlife who stated they would not do an autopsy out of season. He recommended that the City stress the No Feeding Ordinance.

Chair Krawczynski, stated he was unable to find a cost for an autopsy on a deer, but stated he would continue researching the cost.

e) Discussions/Reports

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

a. Police

b. Animal Control

The Commission discussed the deer numbers in 2017 and wanted to know if these numbers included the deer from the TTP.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, explained where the Animal Control counts come from. She also explained the TTP numbers are not included in these reports.

ii. Future on Deer Management (Krawczynski)

a. Survey and next steps (Sullivan).

b. Development of Wildlife Management Plan.

The Commission discussed the process of developing a Wildlife Management Plan. They also discussed putting the TPW TTT process and link on the City website.

Chair Krawczynski, stated he has been in contact with Randy Tomasini, Deer Manager at Hollywood Park to discuss other methods of deer management and alternative methods of trapping.

The Commission discussed the hiring of a part-time Deer Manager, budget, and permitting process.

c. Clarification on approved motion from March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting, to reduce the deer population within 3 years to 1 deer per 5 acres.

Chair Krawczynski, stated after the City Council meeting he feels there needs to be some clarification on the motion from March 19, 2018 regarding the deer population.

The Commission discussed the timeframe of 3 years, the goals for reducing the deer herd, and the Wildlife Survey.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Vice Chair Segovia, to rescind the motion from March 19, 2018 at the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting to reduce the deer population within 3years to 1 deer per 5 acres. The Commission voted as follows:

Commissioner Kneupper	no
Commissioner Hannasch	no
Vice ChairSegovia	yes
Commissioner Bippert	no
Commission Hatch	yes

The motion to rescind the previous motion made on March 19, 2018 failed.

f) Updates

i. Commissioner's Projects

a. Trees in Garden Ridge (Hatch)

i. Tree diversity and the effect on Wildlife.

ii. Tree give away event.

Commissioner Hatch stated Earth Day is March 21st and Texas Natural is holding an event at Woodlawn Park and she stated CPS Energy is giving away trees. She encouraged residents to come out to the event. She suggested that the Commission holds an event in the City of Garden Ridge next year. She also stated she feels that the links to websites of nurseries whom carry native plants should be added to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission page.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the City cannot advertise for a private business.

b. Venomous snakes and locations of anti-venom (Segovia).

Vice Chair Segovia stated she researched the locations and found out that the full-time hospitals are the ones with the anti-venom; however, there is no anti-venom for Coral Snakes. She also stated this information has been added to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission webpage.

c. Update on future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

Chair Krawczynski, stated the next education session will be May 21, 2018 and presenter will be Randy Tomasini, Deer Manager at Hollywood Park.

ii. City Council Update/Report.

a. April 4, 2018, Regular Meeting

Chair Krawczynski, stated he and Vice Chair Segovia attended the April 4, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting. He stated they received feedback regarding the motion to reduce the deer herd, but overall they supported the motion to be used as a goal for a Wildlife Management Program.

g) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

- Commissioner Hatch – Town Hall Meeting so residents can give input on a Management Program.

ii. Set time, date, and location of Commission Special Meeting, if necessary.

This agenda item was not discussed.

iii. Next Regular Meeting Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

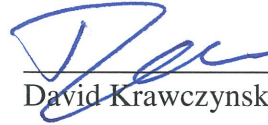
Chair Krawczynski, announced the next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

5. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total.

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke on deer herd population.

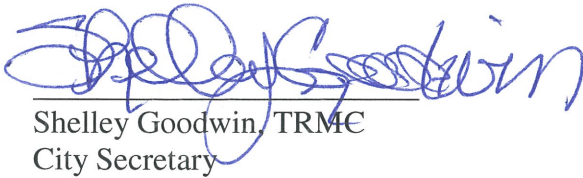
6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, April 16, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission regular meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. by Chairman Krawczynski.

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David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Goodwin', written over a horizontal line.

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary