



City of Garden Ridge

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AGENDA
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will meet in a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 15, 2018, in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas. As required by law, notice is hereby posted on October 12, 2018, before 5:00 p.m., providing time, place, date and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair Statement**
5. **Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total**

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6. Business Items

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

- a) Education/Training Session – “Birds that Bloom in the Texas Hill Country” by Patsy and Tom Inglet, Ornithology Specialists (limited to 30 minutes total) (Hatch)
- b) Approvals/Recommendations
 - i. Minutes for September 17, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.
 - ii. Receive recommendations and consideration of appointment of Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair and Vice Chair for a one-year term.
- c) Discussions/Reports
 - i. Review and discuss wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.
 - 1. Police
 - 2. Animal Control
 - ii. Wildlife Management Plan.
 - 1. Deer Survey/Counts.
 - a. Review of Texas Parks and Wildlife deer count calculations.
 - 2. Discussion of Texas Parks and Wildlife permits.
 - 3. Feral cat issues within the City (Sullivan).
 - 4. Update on options available regarding trapping and/or transporting of deer.
- d) Updates/Recommendations
 - i. Commissioner's Projects
 - 1. Update on research performed on non-drug birth control studies (Segovia).
 - 2. Streater Reflective System for deer/vehicle collision reduction, cost and permission from Texas Department of Transportation, State of Texas, and Comal County (Hatch).
 - 3. Research on processing facilities and recipient wildlife charities for consumption of processed deer meat (Hatch).
 - 4. Research on processing facilities and recipient of human charities for consumption of processed deer meat (Segovia).
 - 5. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.
 - 6. Update on future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.
 - ii. City Council Update/Report
 - 1. October 3, 2018 Regular Meeting.
 - a. Update on the requirements of Ordinance 210 (Commissioners must attend two (2) City Council meetings a year).
- e) Future Agenda Items.
 - i. Commissioner input.
 - ii. Set dates for January and February Regular Meetings due to scheduled holidays.
 - 1. Reschedule Monday, January 21, 2019 Regular Meeting to either Tuesday, January 15, 2019, or Monday, January 28, 2019.
 - 2. Reschedule Monday, February 18, 2019 Regular Meeting to either Monday, February 11, 2019, or Monday, February 25, 2019.
 - iii. Announcement of next Regular Meeting Monday, November 19, 2018, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

7. **Citizen Comment Period** - limited to 20 minutes total
See "Rules for Citizens' Participation" under Item 5.
8. **Adjournment**

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required:

Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized:

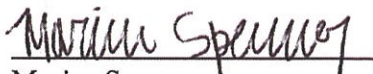
The Commission may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Commission reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Sessions Authorized:

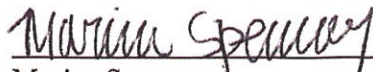
This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials:

It is anticipated that members of the City Council, other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.


Marisa Spencer
Interim City Secretary

This is to certify that I, Marisa Spencer, posted this Agenda at 9:30 a.m. October 10, 2018, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.


Marisa Spencer
Interim City Secretary



Patsy and Tom Inglet are native Texans originally from the Houston area, although they lived and worked 25 years overseas—Tom as an engineer and project manager and Patsy as a teacher. They “retired” to the San Antonio area in 1999 and started their new career as “professional volunteers”—as Docents at the San Antonio Zoo and Alamo Chapter Texas Master Naturalists (Class 8)—and as increasingly serious birders.

Birding started as an interest but has now become a passion and a focus of their educational and conservation efforts, recreational activities, and travels. As Master Naturalists, they have helped count and band birds in the field, monitored birds in the nest, and taught many kids and adults the basics of birding.

Patsy is on the board of Mitchell Lake Audubon Society, Bexar Audubon Society, and Audubon Texas. Both are Bird Educators, Outdoor Classroom Instructors, and Citizen Scientists at Cibolo Nature Center and Mitchell Lake Audubon Center. Both are active in Audubon San Antonio. They also teach teachers how to incorporate

birds into their lesson plans in the **Flying WILD** Program. They have both received the National President’s Volunteer Service Award for giving 5,000+ hours of volunteer work to the community.

They are very happy to have been asked to present this program today. Re-connecting people of all ages with nature via birds and helping to conserve our natural legacy have become top priorities in their lives. Patsy and Tom hope that you will be informed, delighted, and inspired by the program today.



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MINUTES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair David Krawczynski
Vice-Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Dawn Hatch
Commissioner Jeremiah McKinney
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Councilmember Robb Erickson (Ex-officio)

Commissioners Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary
Marisa Spencer, Assistant City Secretary
Bryan Pelata, Patrol Officer

Other Appointed or Elected Officials in Attendance:

Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Kay Bower
Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
David Ringle, Planning and Zoning Commissioner

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 6:03 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2018, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Roll Call

See above

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Krawczynski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair Statement.

Chair Krawczynski read a statement concerning Wildlife Management in the City (see attached).

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Chair Krawczynski read the rules for speaking.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding Deer Management, the Wildlife Survey, and the treatment of Commissioner Hatch during reappointment.

Frankie Friend, 21419 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding Deer Management, the Wildlife Survey, and working together as a community (see attached).

Christi Haberer, 21120 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding the treatment of Commissioner Hatch during reappointment and a Deer Manager.

Marianne Sterling, 9006 Cinnabar Court, spoke regarding Deer Management, the Wildlife Survey, and the deer counts.

David Ringle, 9234 Blazing Star Trail, spoke regarding the amount of funds budgeted as well as options for Deer Management and about the current population of deer in Garden Ridge.

Parus Dudley, 9290 Cinchona Trail, spoke regarding the effect that Deer Management is having on the community, the Wildlife Survey, and the monthly Grapevine.

Nikki Prather, United States Humane Society, spoke regarding the Urban Wildlife Management Department's Conflict Mitigation Plan.

Deborah Dauer, 20003 Regency Run, spoke regarding the current population of deer in her subdivision and thanked the Commission for their volunteer service.

6. Business Items

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

a) Approvals/Recommendations

i. Minutes for August 20, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to approve the Minutes for the August 20, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) against. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Discussions/Reports

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

1. Police

2. Animal Control

a. Update on deer found in swimming pool (Sullivan).

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated Animal Services reported that the deer drowned in the swimming pool and explained how this is an incident that occasionally occurs.

ii. Wildlife Management Plan.

1. Deer Survey/Counts (Kneupper).

a. Review deer counts for purposes of calculating deer population.

The Commission reviewed the Deer Survey/Counts that have been submitted so far. Commissioner Kneupper discussed the Texas Parks and Wildlife requirements and procedures for conducting deer counts. He further stated how the Texas Parks and Wildlife form is for spotlight counts and open range, not urban counts. Chair Krawczynski stated the deer counts will go to Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologists for purposes of calculating overall population with intent to have this completed prior to the October City Council Regular Meeting.

2. Discussion of Texas Parks and Wildlife permits.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the City has not applied for any permits. Commissioner Sullivan stated they have looked into options for relocating deer but have been unable to find anywhere in compliance with Texas Parks and Wildlife. Commissioner McKinney added that most Texas Parks and Wildlife permits only allow transport within the same eco-region.

3. Feral cat issues within the City (Sullivan).

Commissioner Sullivan stated he has not yet spoke with Animal Services; therefore, had no updates.

4. Update on the Feral Hog Workshop.

Commissioner Kneupper reviewed the power point presentation from the Feral Hog Workshop. He also thanked the City for paying for him and Commissioner Bippert to attend.

5. Direction from City Council exploring options for Wildlife Management.

a. Explore other options regarding trapping (Segovia).

Commissioner Segovia and Commissioner Sullivan stated they will be meeting with a trapping company then providing a report to the Commission. Commissioner McKinney stated he would be exploring options to discuss with the Commission as well.

b. Discussion on Randy Tomasini and Innovative Trapping System Company (Hatch).

Councilmember Erickson discussed and explained the direction from City Council. The Commission discussed the possibility of using the bidding processes.

c) Updates/Recommendations

i. Commissioner's Projects

1. Texas A&M about a non-drug birth control study that is currently being conducted (Segovia).

Vice-Chair Segovia stated the study is not currently being conducted and the Commission could explore this as an option in the future. Commissioner Hatch suggested other studies and projects to look into.

2. Streater Reflective System for deer/vehicle collision reduction, cost and permission from Texas Department of Transportation, State of Texas, and Comal County (Hatch).

Commissioner Hatch stated she received an estimate of \$2,000 per mile, but still needed to get more information regarding the system.

3. Research on processing facilities and recipient wildlife charities for consumption of processed deer meat (Hatch).

Commissioner Hatch provided an update on charities and the Commission discussed verifying their permits with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

4. Research on processing facilities and recipient of human charities for consumption of processed deer meat (Segovia).

Vice-Chair Segovia stated she is talking with trapping companies and will provide more information.

5. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.

Vice-Chair Segovia reported an incident of a resident being bit by a coral snake. Chair Krawczynski stated the wildlife has appreciated the recent rain.

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

The following schedule will be used for the upcoming education/training sessions:

- October - Commissioner Hatch (“Birds that Bloom in the Texas Hill Country” by Patsy and Tom Inglet, Ornithologist Specialists)
- November - Commissioner McKinney
- December - Commissioner Bippert

ii. City Council Update/Report.

1. September 5, 2018 Regular Meeting.

a. Update on the requirements of Ordinance 210 (Commissioners must attend two (2) City Council meetings a year).

Chair Krawczynski reminded the Commissioners that Ordinance 210 requires them to attend two City Council Regular Meetings a year.

b. Update on change to Ordinance 186 (Raising the maximum fine amount from \$200 to \$500).

Councilmember Erickson discussed why this change occurred, stating the Judge requested raising the maximum fine amount since a \$200 maximum fine is unusual.

d) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

- Increase the time for education session from 20 minutes to 30 minutes (Hatch).
- Request presentation from Humane Society (Hatch).

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

The Commission discussed planning a joint meeting with City Council to receive education from the Comal County Biologists, but a date was not set.

iii. Announcement of next Regular Meeting Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Chair Krawczynski announced the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

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

David Ringle, 9234 Blazing Star Trail, spoke regarding changes made to Ordinance 186.

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding the current population of deer based on subdivisions and the Wildlife Survey process. He also thanked the Commission for their volunteer service.

Mary Rethman, 9450 Cinchona Trail, spoke regarding Deer Management options and deer signs throughout the City.

Betsy Eaton, 8228 Park Lane Drive, spoke regarding Deer Management methods.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding trapping companies insurance policies.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, September 17, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission regular meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by Chair Krawczynski.

David Krawczynski, Chair

ATTEST:

Marisa Spencer
Interim City Secretary

Opening Statement

Thank you all for coming out tonight. I would like to first start out by saying that every single person on this commission cares deeply about Wildlife and has volunteered their time, effort, weekends, weekdays and family time to make a difference here in Garden Ridge. This commission's duty is to be good stewards of wildlife within the city limits of Garden Ridge. This means identifying potential issues and making recommendations to City Council for their considerations. We all have different experiences with the deer here in Garden Ridge with some interactions being positive some negative. Some people see more deer than others depending upon the particular neighborhood they find themselves. These discrepancies will be considered in creating a management plan with, more focus on high population areas.

The below information outlines a summarization of some of the actions and recommendations that have occurred over the past year during our monthly meetings. This agenda item will become a living document whereby some action items from previous Wildlife and or City Council meetings can be added or adjusted in the future. There is a lot of information on social media specifically Facebook and Next Door that while well intentioned is not accurate. The goal of this agenda item is to create a level of understanding for everyone, whether it is their first time or 10th time to attend a Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Meeting.

- i. City Council has agreed to our recommendation to reduce the deer population in Garden Ridge at the April City Council Meeting
- ii. Subsequently City Council has also approved for the WMAC to proceed with putting together a Wildlife Management plan and set of actions to get the deer population from 1.96 acres per deer (2017 Population density) to 5 acres per deer
- iii. A \$50,000 budget has been approved for the upcoming fiscal year to hire a Wildlife Manager along with resources to manage Wildlife in the City.

The above recommendations were voted on and passed after months of discussions and presentations from Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists and subject matter experts on Urban Deer Management, input from citizens on the Wildlife survey, annual deer counts and carcass pickup numbers

Deer Reduction Scope

- i. A 1000 deer being removed is not happening this year and is not a number we have discussed. Extrapolating one year's worth activity or number of deer to be removed, does not indicate future numbers. Each year will be evaluated for environmental and cultural carrying capacities along with weather and climate patterns that may dictate alterations to the overall management plan.
- ii. Currently the number of deer being discussed for budgeting purposes is 300 however depending upon the deer counts, overall population numbers and City Council approval this number can be subject to change.
- iii. This is a proactive approach whereby the city has determined via Ordinance 196 along with assistance from TPWD for the last 3 years, that Garden Ridge has an

over population of whitetail deer within the city limits. For a reference point, the current acreage for Garden Ridge stands at 2780 acres with an estimated population of 1,418 whitetail deer. This gives us a deer per 1.96 acres per deer. However, this doesn't not include houses, driveways, 6ft fenced backyards, streets and other impervious structures. There is no current way to calculate the exact acreage that is usable habitat to whitetail deer in Garden Ridge but the acres per deer number is significantly closer to 1 to 1 when these factors are considered. TPWD has stated that the carrying capacity of for our region which is the hill country should be 12 to 18 acres per deer. Urban deer populations that other cities have found to be acceptable (cultural carrying capacity) is around 5 acres per deer.

- iv. Goals: These proposed proactive activities have a three-fold goal. 1. Prevent a significant increase in year over year population of deer within the city which CAN lead to diseases that can be passed to humans, die offs, lack of food and poor health. 2. Reduce the conflicts between deer and people to a cultural carrying capacity that is sustainable. These conflicts include: deer vehicle collisions, property damage i.e. fences, personal injury and disease. Furthermore, biodiversity and habitat degradation of other plants and animal species can be affected due to over population of one. Forb (trees, shrubs) species are particularly vulnerable to over population of Whitetail deer which can create a cascading affect for insects, birds, and other mammals. 3. Reduce the number of deer carcasses that the city picks up on yearly basis. In 2016, 171 deer carcasses were picked up and 162 were picked up in 2017. Other cities who are actively reducing the deer herd experience deer carcass removal numbers which are significantly less than Garden Ridge.
- v. There is no confirmed disease in our herd other than visual indicators of possible bottle jaw. No specimens have been collected which have led to confirmation of this particular disease. However, this type of disease indicate that an over population could exist.
- vi. No one has stated on the WMAC nor anyone on City Council has stated that plants being eaten and feces in citizens yard's is a deciding factor for removal of deer and these factors will not be considered in any management plans that will be presented to TPWD or City Council
- vii. No wildlife management plan has been presented to City Council for 2018-19 season

Guidelines

- i. The City of Garden Ridge may only use the options that Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) to be utilized to reduce the deer population and manage wildlife in the City of Garden Ridge. The state of Texas owns the deer and dictates how and when the population can be reduced.
 - a. Peer reviewed journals along with websites, news articles and other common resources online are valuable to wildlife managers/biologists and citizens for

increasing their knowledge on wildlife management. However, the ideas, methods and procedures that the WMAC and the City of Garden Ridge are limited to, come directly from TPWD.

Limitations

- i. Sterilization is not something TPWD will endorse at this time to reduce deer populations in Texas
- ii. There are three capture methods approved by TPWD and any non-approved methods can result in fines and penalties
 1. Netting (Aerial or Drop Net)
 2. Corral or Pen
 3. Darting
- iii. Two permits are available for the 2018-19 season
 1. TTT- Trap Transfer and Transplant
 2. TTP- Trap Transfer and Process
 3. More information available at:
https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/permits/land/wildlife_management/trap_transport/

Survey Results

- i. Response Rate from Survey
 - a. The response rate was much higher than anticipated and gave the WMAC a great understanding of how the citizens perceived their city in regard to Wildlife
- ii. Wildlife survey results are available via the city website for all citizens.
- iii. The survey was a mechanism to gather information directly from citizens and use that feedback to make decisions that the WMAC presents to the City Council
- iv. Surveys were sent to all residents who have a water bill and this action was certified by the City
- v. Surveys were tabulated by election volunteers, watched by law enforcement and video recorded for security purposes

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✓ Phyllis Friend	21419 Forest Waters Circle	DEER
✓ Christi Habever	21120 Forest Waters Cir	"
✓ Marriane Sterling	9006 Cinnabar	deer
✓ David Ringle	Blazing Star	
✓ Parus Dudley	9290 Anchorit	Deer
✓ Wikki Prather	US Humane Society	deer
✓ Deborah Daver	20003 Regency Run	deer
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I am here to speak for the citizens of Garden Ridge who are against slaughtering our deer. What you are planning is inhumane and a disgrace to our community. This kill is not wanted nor warranted by half of the city. The city has not done proper due diligence concerning other methods of controlling deer population; or given all residents a vote in how to handle the deer. Many residents including myself never received a wildlife survey – I still haven't seen one. From those who did I heard that the deer issue of slaughter wasn't presented on the form. You have brought dissension to a city that was peaceful and beautiful – you have pitted neighbor against neighbor. A city should be guided with principle, it should be fair to its citizens and have integrity to do the right and humane actions required to govern for all. And yes I put this at the Wildlife council's feet – you can find other ways to fix the situation and be firm in recommending them to the City Council. This council was founded to help make educated, best for the community decisions regarding all wildlife. You need to find a positive way to fix it. There are several other methods available besides netting and slaughtering – and each of you know this; yet you persist in the kill. I have asked myself why numerous

time and it just goes in circles because it makes no common sense that you would want to cause stress to your citizens and neighbors. In a world where random killings are happening on a daily basis people are becoming more inhumane and immune to blood baths of people and animals. Slaughtering Garden Ridge deer adds to this type of sickness. There is a humane right way to control the growth of wildlife in a neighborhood where people live and slaughter is certainly not one of them. Let's work together as a community to find a humane way to handle a concern that has become a huge issue in Garden Ridge. I am asking for the half of Garden Ridge residents that want a humane solution - PLEASE STOP THE DEER SLAUGHTER humane

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David Ringle

Jim Miller

Mary Rothman

Betsy Eaton

Tony Frasco

9234 Blazing Star Trl.

9910 Annie Meadow

9450 Cinnamon

8228 Park Lane

6802 Wildflower

4500 FINE (?)

Possible Survey Education

Methods of Killing

Done

21st CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
City of Garden Ridge

From: Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police
City of Garden Ridge

Date: 8 October 2018

Copies:

Reference: Monthly Wildlife Statistics

Members of the Commission,

Here is the data collected in the last month regarding the Police Department's involvement with animal related calls. These numbers do not include any cases related to domestic dogs or cats.

8 September 2018 to 8 October 2018

- 2- Injured Deer by vehicle - Dispatched
- 2- Injured by cars / ran off



MONTHLY ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

October 2018

Year to Date Wildlife Report

	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Total
Deer	14	23	14	7	8	15	14	9	3				107
Raccoons	5	3	3	4	2	4	1	6	3				31
Possums	1	3	4	6	3	5	2	1	3				28
Skunks	1	7	2	0	0	2	1	0	0				13
Wild hogs	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0				3
Turtles	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2				5
Squirrels	0	2	5	6	8	1	1	0	4				27
Foxes	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Armadillos	0	0	0	2	3	6	4	4	0				19
Hawks	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Bats	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1				6
Coyotes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
Buzzards	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0				4
Ringtails	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				2
Snakes	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1				4
Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Total	24	39	30	26	28	35	31	23	17				
												YTD Total	253

Additional information

Information on the 3 deer picked up:

- 1 in fence
- 1 predator
- 1 natural causes

DEER POPULATION SUMMARY

Ranch: Garden Ridge

Survey Technique: Spotlight & Herd Comp

County: Comal

Year: 2018

Survey Route/Pasture	Date	Deer Observed					Acres Sampled	Acres Per Deer	Deer Per 1,000 Ac.
		Bucks	Does	Fawns	Undet	Total			
Spotlight Survey	7.31.2018	18	44	16		78	198	2.54	393.7
Spotlight Survey	7.18.2018	3	44	36		83	198	2.39	418.4
Spotlight Survey	8.1.2018	16	71	62		149	198	1.33	751.9
Spotlight Survey	8.3.2018	17	62	39		118	198	1.68	595.2
Spotlight Survey	8.7.2018	4	43	32		79	198	2.51	398.4
Spotlight Survey	8.9.2018	13	59	47	3	122	198	1.62	617.3
Spotlight Survey	8.10.2018	15	64	44		123	198	1.61	621.1
Spotlight Survey	8.12.2018	11	62	34		107	198	1.85	540.5
Spotlight Survey	8.16.2018	6	70	47		123	198	1.61	621.1
Spotlight Survey	8.24.2018	11	56	41		108	198	1.83	546.4
Survey Totals		114	575	398	3	1,090	1,980	1.82	549.5
Incidental Observations									
Combined Totals		114	575	398		1,087			

Ranch Size (ac.): 2,780

Harvest Recommendation

Antlered Bucks:

Acres/Deer: 1.82

Does/Buck: 5.04

Fawns/Doe: 0.69

Composition -

Bucks: 10.5%

Does: 52.9%

Fawns: 36.6%

Antlerless Deer:

Deer/1,000Ac: 550.51

Adult/1,000Ac: 348.94

Acres/Adult: 2.87

Estimated Population -

Bucks: 160

Does: 809

Fawns: 561

Total: 1,530

Remarks:

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

	2/19/18 Regular Meeting	02/27/2018 Special Meeting	3/19/18 Regular Meeting	4/16/18 Regular Meeting	5/14/18 Regular Meeting	6/18/18 Regular Meeting	7/16/18 Regular Meeting	8/20/18 Regular Meeting	9/17/18 Regular Meeting	10/15/18 Regular Meeting	11/19/18 Regular Meeting	12/17/18 Regular Meeting
Commissioner												
Krawczynski	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Segovia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
McKinney												
Kneupper	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Hatch												
Bippert	VAA	P	P	P	VAA	P	P	P	P	VAA		
Sullivan	P	E	P	VAA	P	P	P	P	P	VAA		

P	Present
P-QNM	Present but quorum not met
E	Excused for reasons allowed in Ord. 210
VAA	Voluntary Announced Absence
UA	Unannounced Absence
	Not member yet

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's Attendance at City Council Regular Meeting

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Future Agenda Items

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

November 19, 2018

Regular Meeting

- | | | |
|------------------------|------------|---|
| 14 days before Meeting | (11/05/18) | Commission and Staff items are due |
| 10 days before Meeting | (11/9/18) | City Administrator and Chair review agenda. City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval. |
| 6 days before Meeting | (11/13/18) | Post Agenda on bulletin board and Commission will receive packet
(allowing a day and half for corrections and to request additional information to be added) |
| 4 days before Meeting | (11/15/18) | Post Agenda Packet to City Website |
| 3 days before Meeting | (11/16/18) | (72 hours) – Local Government Code requirement for posting |

City Council = Red
Impact Fee Committee = Pink
Quarry Commission = Purple
Planning & Zoning = Green
Water Commission = Blue
Wildlife Management Advisory Commission = Brown
Veteran's Day Holiday= City Events
Thanksgiving Holiday= City Events

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Approval

1. Minutes 10-15-18

Petition/Public Hearings/Recommendation

Discussion/Reports

1. Health of the wildlife in Garden Ridge
2. Police Wildlife Report
3. Animal Control Report
4. City Council Update
5. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Commissioners' input
 - b. Announce next meeting (if necessary) December 17, 2018 at 6pm

Training Session

1. TBA (McKinney)

Executive Session

December 17, 2018

Regular Meeting

- 14** days before Meeting (12/03/18) Commission and Staff items are due
- 10** days before Meeting (12/07/18) City Administrator and Chair review agenda. City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval.
- 7** days before Meeting (12/10/18) Post Agenda on bulletin board and Commission will receive packet
(allowing a day and half for corrections and to request additional information to be added)
- 4** days before Meeting (12/13/18) Post Agenda Packet to City Website
- 3** days before Meeting (12/14/18) (72 hours) – Local Government Code requirement for posting

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 Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Holiday= City Events
 New Year's Eve Holiday= City Events

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Approval

1. Minutes 11-19-18

Petition/Public Hearings/Recommendation

Discussion/Reports

1. Health of the wildlife in Garden Ridge
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5. Future Agenda Items
 - c. Commissioners' input
 - d. Announce next meeting (if necessary) January 15 or 28, 2018, at 6pm (January 21 is a holiday)

Training Session

1. TBA (Bippert)

Executive Session

PENDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Hunting on Hanson Quarry
- Identify signs of wildlife
- Discussion on future surveys to include surveys for adult children who live at home and are over 18 years of age (Kneupper)
- Netting Options
- Cost and provider for autopsy of a deer showing signs of Bottleneck (Krawczynski)

UPCOMING EDUCATION/TRAINING SESSIONS