



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Vice-Chair David Krawczynski
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Dawn Hatch
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Jeremiah McKinney
Councilmember Robb Erickson, Ex officio member

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Paul Sullivan (Unannounced Absence)

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, Interim City Secretary

Other Appointed or Elected Officials in Attendance:

Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Kay Bower
Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, 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 Chair Segovia at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019, 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 Segovia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair Statement

Chair Segovia stated she would like for Commissioner Kneupper to make an announcement before proceeding with her Chair Statement. Commissioner Kneupper asked everyone to join him in observing a moment of silence to recognize Comal County Deputy Horn that passed from a heart attack and Bexar County K9 Deputy Chuck. Chair Segovia thanked Commissioner Kneupper for leading this and she thanked all in attendance for joining in observing a moment of silence.

Chair Segovia stated the Commission is comprised of volunteers that chose to volunteer because of their love for wildlife. Chair Segovia spoke regarding the work and actions taken to manage the deer population, adding

that an update will be provided by Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services, LLC, regarding deer management. She stated the Commission is now working on a comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for the City.

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding habitats and wildlife in the City of Garden Ridge, Paul Davis Park, and conducting Town Hall Meetings.

Ross Bacon, 21260 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding RMH Ranch Services, LLC.

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke regarding deer management plans for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department permits, and Paul Davis Park.

6. Business Items

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

a) Approvals

i. Minutes for December 17, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bippert, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to approve the minutes for December 17, 2018, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Discussions/Reports

i. Wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.

1. Police Department

The Commission reviewed the wildlife report from the Police Department.

2. Animal Services

The Commission reviewed the wildlife report from Animal Services.

Chair Segovia spoke regarding feral hogs and the Commission reviewed pictures showing damage done to a septic system on a property on Park Lane but outside of Garden Ridge City limits. Chair Segovia spoke regarding an injured hawk, stating that Eric Lowman, Animal Services, called Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation in Kendalia and was told the hawk will likely recover.

ii. Deer Management

1. Update by Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services, LLC regarding trapping and wildlife management services to the City of Garden Ridge.

Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services LLC, provided the Commission with background information on his businesses, personal life, and experience working with wildlife. He then provided the Commission with an updated regarding trapping and wildlife management services to the City of Garden Ridge. Ryan Murphy spoke regarding the process of obtaining the different Texas Parks and Wildlife permits, locations and procedures for relocating deer, Texas Parks and Wildlife requirements, the trapping process, and chronic wasting disease testing requirements and procedures.

2. Commission question and answer session with Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services, LLC.

Ryan Murphy answered and addressed various questions, discussions, and statements from each Commissioner as well as questions and concerns raised by citizens during the citizen comment period. The session included the following topics:

- Exemptions requested from Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Texas Parks and Wildlife site studies
- Locations of potential trapping

- Texas Parks and Wildlife previous recommendations
- Mr. Murphy's companies
- Process and procedures of transporting deer

Chair Segovia thanked Ryan Murphy for providing an update on deer management and addressing not only Commissioner's questions and concerns, but also those raised by citizens during the citizen comment period.

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

Chair Segovia stated this will remain on the agenda for when Commissioner Sullivan is present.

c) Updates/Recommendations

i. Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items

1. Discuss and make possible recommendations regarding action items for inclusion in the development of comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for Garden Ridge.

The Commission discussed the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items document and identified various action items that could be accomplished by the Commission. The Commission also discussed working with the Comal Master Gardeners and the Parks Committee. Chair Segovia spoke regarding the requirement of providing a quarterly report, adding that would be completed by the Chair of the Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner McKinney, seconded by Vice-Chair Krawczynski, to recommend the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items document to City Council in order to make Garden Ridge a monarch city. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

ii. Development of comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for Garden Ridge.

Commissioner McKinney reviewed and discussed the Wildlife Management Plan outline draft that he created as a starting point for the Commission. The discussion included the following topics: creating and setting goals, coordination and permits, habitat management, invasive species, enhancement projects, public outreach and education, and potential management and enhancement practices. Commissioner McKinney explained how this living document will be utilized to detail goals, track measures taken to meet various goals, and recap at the end of the year to provide insight on where the Commission stands with each goal.

The Commission agreed by consensus to review the Wildlife Management Plan outline draft and provide possible additions, discussions, and decisions at the Commission's February meeting.

Chair Segovia thanked Commissioner McKinney for creating and providing a starting point document for the Commission to continue to develop a comprehensive plan, adding this will be an ongoing agenda item.

iii. Commissioner's Projects

1. Update on research performed on non-drug birth control studies (Segovia).

Chair Segovia stated since research permits cannot be applied for until the Wildlife Management Plan is complete, there is not an update at this time.

2. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.

Commissioner Kneupper spoke regarding a hawk at Paul Davis Park.

3. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

Commissioner Kneupper stated he confirmed that Game Wardens will be providing a 20 minute education/training session with a 10 minute Commission question and answer session at the Commission's February meeting to discuss what they do within the City, County, and State.

Chair Segovia stated Judit Green will be providing an education/training session at the Commission's March meeting.

iv. City Council Update/Report

1. January 2, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.

Chair Segovia stated the Commission did not have any recommendations; however, she provided City Council with an overview of the comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for the City of Garden Ridge.

v. Ordinance No. 210-022018 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge adopting board and commission policy and procedures; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

1. Discuss and make possible recommendations regarding matters in Ordinance No. 210-022018.

Chair Segovia stated the Commission does not have any matters to discuss at this time.

d) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

Vice-Chair Krawczynski requested to add dark city to the discussion of the Wildlife Management Plan.

ii. Announcement of next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting (Monday, February 25, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Segovia announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

7. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

Marianne Sterling, 9006 Cinnabar Court, spoke regarding deer management, testing for chronic wasting disease, and the update provided by Ryan Murphy.

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke regarding deer management, Paul Davis Park, and the update provided by Ryan Murphy.

Ross Bacon, 21260 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding the update provided by Ryan Murphy.

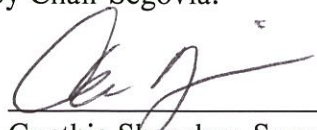
Jack Mengel, 9227 Gloxinia Drive, spoke regarding the deer population in the City of Garden Ridge and Paul Davis Park.

Diane Kruse, 9315 Gardenia Bend Drive, spoke regarding ways to get more residents involved and meeting etiquette.

David Ringle, 9234 Blazing Star Trail, spoke regarding deer management, the Commission and City Council's decisions, and the update provided by Ryan Murphy.

8. Adjournment

Motion: There being no further business, the Monday, January 28, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. by Chair Segovia.


Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Chair

ATTEST:


Marisa Spencer
Interim City Secretary

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SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE JANUARY 28, 2019
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Rules for Citizens' Participation:

The Commission welcomes citizen participation and comments at all Commission Meetings. The Commission offers citizens the opportunity to address them by signing up to speak prior to the meeting. If you speak, you should follow these guidelines:

- a) Respect and courtesy:
 - i. Direct your comments to the entire Commission, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
 - ii. Show the Commission the same respect that you would like to be shown.
 - iii. End your speaking at the time allotted below.
- b) Speaking:
 - i. First citizen comment period
 1. You are required to sign up to speak.
 2. You are limited to one 3 minute period.
 - ii. Business item period
 1. You are required to sign up to speak.
 2. You are limited to one 3 minute period.
 - iii. Second citizen comment period
 1. You are not required to sign up.
 2. You are limited to one 2 minute period.
 - iv. State your name and address before your comments begin.
 - v. You are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.

*NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject **must be limited** to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the Commission is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042*

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2. Ross Bacon	21260 Forest Waters Circle	wildlife
3. Martha Stipp	21007 Cedar Branch	deer trapping
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1/28/19 Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
2nd Citizen Comments

NAME	ADDRESS	SUBJECT
1. Marianne Sterling	7006 Cinnabar Ct	deer
2. Martha Stipp	21007 Cedar Branch	trapping
3. Ross, David	21260 Forest Waters Cir	deer
4. Jack Mengel	9227 Gloriana	deer/park
5. Diane Kruse	9315 Gardenia Bend	deer
6. David C. Ringle	9234 Blazing Star Trl	—
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