



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Vice-Chair David Krawczynski
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Dawn Hatch

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Jeremiah McKinney (Voluntary Announced Absence)
Councilmember Robb Erickson, Ex officio member

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, 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
Jesse Valdez, Planning and Zoning Commissioner/Water 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 Segovia at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 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 provided a brief background on past and present actions taken regarding deer management in the City of Garden Ridge. Chair Segovia also spoke regarding the work, actions, and pro-active approaches taken to support and enhance wildlife in the City of Garden Ridge.

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Kay Bower, 8947 Garden Ridge Drive, spoke regarding toxic plants and weeds, the Parks Committee working with the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission, and plans for Paul Davis Park.

6. Business Items

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

a) Education/Training Session – Linda Valdez, Comal County Master Gardener and Master Naturalist: Gardening for Butterflies (limited to 30 minutes total)(Segovia)

Chair Segovia introduced Linda Valdez, Comal County Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, and stated she would be providing an educational program followed by a Commission question and answer session.

Linda Valdez, Comal County Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, reviewed the presentation “Gardening for Butterflies”. She answered and addressed questions, comments, and concerns from Commissioners. The Commission thanked Linda Valdez for taking the time to attend the meeting and provide an educational program.

b) Approvals

i. Minutes for March 18, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to approve the minutes for March 18, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) 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.

d) Updates/Recommendations

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

1. Discuss and make possible recommendations regarding topics and/or items in the Wildlife Management Plan for Garden Ridge.

Chair Segovia stated Commissioners just received an updated plan and asked them to review this detailed plan throughout the next month and email any feedback, changes, questions, etc. to Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, to be forwarded to Commissioner McKinney.

Commissioner Hatch stated she was not feeling well and left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ii. Update on Deer Management.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reviewed the “City of Garden Ridge Whitetail Management Report 2019” presentation that was provided to City Council by Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services, LLC., at the April 3, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting. She also discussed the current contract with RMH Ranch Services, LLC.

Commissioner Sullivan spoke regarding the trapping process conducted by Ryan Murphy. He stated he had the opportunity to see the process with Mr. Murphy and felt it was the most humane way possible when it comes to ending the life of deer, adding there are many inaccurate rumors about this process.

Chair Segovia stated she confirmed with Mr. Hensley, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, that CWD testing must be conducted every year. She spoke regarding Eric Lowman, Animal Services, conducting CWD testing with Mr. Hensley’s assistance to speed up the testing process. The Commission agreed by consensus to allow Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners to assist Eric Lowman, Animal Services, with CWD testing.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Krawczynski, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to recommend to City Council the Commission begin their efforts of obtaining permits for the 2019-2020 season. During the discussion of the motion, the Commission discussed needing a proposed number of deer as well as a proposed budget in order to submit these permits. The Commission requested these items be added to the May agenda.

Motion Rescinded: Vice-Chair Krawczynski rescinded his motion and Commissioner Sullivan rescinded his second.

iii. Commissioner’s Projects

1. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.

The Commission had nothing to discuss at this time.

2. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

Chair Segovia stated Mr. Hensley and his supervisor will be at the Commission's July meeting to review procedures for conducting deer counts.

Future education/training sessions: May – Dark Sky (Krawczynski) and June – bat conservation (Hatch).

iv. City Council Update/Report

1. April 3, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.

Chair Segovia updated the Commission on the monthly activity report she provided at the April 3, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting. She also updated the Commission on items discussed by the City Council that pertain to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

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 recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.

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

e) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

Commissioner Bippert requested to add discussion of working with the Parks Committee on the May agenda.

The Commission requested to add the following items on the May agenda:

- preparation of a proposed budget for FY2020 and discussion/possible recommendation to City Council.
- discussion/possible recommendation of the estimated number of deer to be removed for the 2019-2020 season based off Mr. Hensley's previous reduction of herd recommendation.

The Commission stated the deer population estimate presentation/recommendation will be in August.

ii. Announcement of next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting (Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Segovia announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

7. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

Kay Bower, 8947 Garden Ridge Drive, spoke regarding the property line staking and fencing at Paul Davis Park.

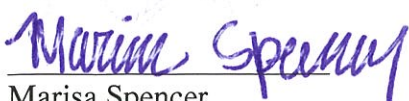
Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding the Commission's Wildlife Management Plan.

8. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to adjourn. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. There being no further business, the Monday, April 15, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by Chair Segovia.


Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Chair

ATTEST:



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

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SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE APRIL 15, 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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