



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Jeremiah McKinney
Commissioner Troy Bippert

Commissioners Absent:

Vice-Chair David Krawczynski (Voluntary Announced Absence)
Commissioner Paul Sullivan (Excused)
Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio
Vacant Position

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary

Other Appointed or Elected Officials in Attendance:

Councilmember Todd Arvidson

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, June 17, 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 spoke regarding the work, actions, and pro-active approaches taken to support and enhance wildlife in the City of Garden Ridge. She stated the Commission has worked with professionals in order to make informed recommendations to City Council. She stated the City of Garden Ridge partnered with the National Wildlife Federation and became a Monarch City, accomplishing the leadership circle accreditation during the first year. Chair Segovia thanked the Comal Master Gardeners for their efforts in helping the City become a Monarch City.

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Tristan Arvidson, 20506 Bat Cave Road, spoke regarding his Eagle Scout project and welcomed the Commission to call or email him with questions or to receive more information.

6. Business Items

The following items are for discussion and/or possible action, including recommendations:

a) Approvals

i. Minutes for May 20, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Bippert, to approve the minutes for May 20, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted three (3) 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.

c) 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.

Commissioner McKinney reviewed the updated Wildlife Management Plan. He discussed the additional information as well as information still needed in the Wildlife Management Plan. Chair Segovia spoke regarding the iNaturalist application for mobile devices.

The Commission discussed working with the Parks Committee and Commissioner Bippert attending the monthly Parks Committee meetings when possible. The Commission requested Parks Committee meeting update be added to future agendas as a rolling item similar to the City Council update.

ii. Commissioner's Projects

1. Wildlife Mailer from New Braunfels (Sullivan).

Chair Segovia stated Commissioner Sullivan was not feeling well and was excused prior to the meeting.

2. September 28th, 2019, Ribbon Cutting Event and Celebration (Segovia).

Chair Segovia stated she invited Craig Hensley, Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist, to attend the new Garden Ribbon Cutting Event and Celebration. The Commission discussed the event and putting together informational material to handout at the event.

3. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.

The Commission did not have anything to discuss at this time.

4. 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. The Commission discussed the schedule for future education/training sessions: August – Commissioner Bippert (TBD), September – Commissioner McKinney (bats/the language of bats), October – Commissioner Kneupper (bees).

iii. City Council Update/Report

1. June 5, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.

Commissioner McKinney updated the Commission on the monthly activity report he provided at the June 5, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting. He stated the City Council received the Commission's budget request consideration and approved the Commission's recommendation to accept the resignation of Commissioner Hatch.

- iv. **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. **Interview possible candidates for the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission vacancy created by the resignation of Hatch (term expiring September 30, 2020).**

The Commission reviewed Mark Ecton's resume and interviewed him for the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2020.

2. **Make a recommendation to City Council for appointment of Commissioner.**

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to recommend to City Council the appointment of Mark Ecton to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 7 vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2020. The Commission voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Discuss and make recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.**

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

d) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

None at this time.

- ii. **Announcement of next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting (Monday, July 15, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall).**

Chair Segovia announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

7. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

Martha Stipp, 21007 Cedar Branch, spoke regarding communication efforts and Commissioners speaking into microphones in order to be clearly heard during meetings.

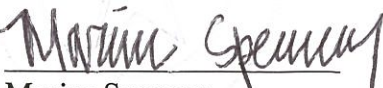
Mark Ecton, 9430 Gardenia Bend Drive, spoke regarding efforts to improve citizen attendance at meetings.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, June 17, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. by Chair Segovia.


Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Chair

ATTEST:



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary