



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia

Vice-Chair David Krawczynski (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

Commissioner Ken Kneupper

Commissioner Jeremiah McKinney

Commissioner Paul Sullivan

Commissioner Troy Bippert

Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio

Commissioners Absent:

Vacant Position

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary

Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary

Other City Councilmembers or Commissioners Present:

Councilmember Kay Bower

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners present, the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Segovia at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 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 Commission's history, mission, 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, including partnering with the National Wildlife Federation as a Monarch City.

5. Citizen Comment Period: No one signed up to speak.

6. Business Items

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

- a) **Education/Training Session – "Snakes of Garden Ridge: Knowing Your Local Snake Species" by Commissioner McKinney (limited to 30 minutes total).**

Commissioner McKinney reviewed the presentation "Snakes of Garden Ridge: Knowing Your Local Snake Species" (see attached).

b) Approvals

i. Minutes for July 15, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Bippert, to approve the minutes for July 15, 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. Discuss and finalize schedule for conducting deer counts.

The Commission reviewed and finalized the schedule for conducting deer counts, including the dates and Commissioners for each count.

ii. 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.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Krawczynski, seconded by Commissioner Kneupper, to recommend to City Council the consideration of adopting this Wildlife Management Plan for the City of Garden Ridge. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

iii. Commissioner's Projects

1. Brochure/mailer from New Braunfels (Sullivan).

Commissioner Sullivan stated he spoke with Mr. Hensley and there is no money in the State for this purpose. He is going to get pricing for printing to be included as a mailer and will bring to next Commission meeting for Commission to review the wording and look of the brochure.

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

The Commission discussed the September 28, 2019, Ribbon Cutting Event and Celebration for the Gardens of Garden Ridge outside the Library at 2pm.

3. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.

The Commission discussed how the weather and rain has benefitted wildlife this year.

4. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

The Commission discussed the schedule for future education/training sessions: September – Commissioner McKinney (bats: the language of bats in Garden Ridge). October – Commissioner Kneupper (San Marcos Beekeepers Association: honeybees). November – Chair Segovia (TBD/possibly Humane Society to discuss habitat improvement).

iv. Meeting Updates/Reports

1. August 7, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.

Vice-Chair Krawczynski stated he provided a monthly activity report to the City Council.

2. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

Councilmember Swint spoke regarding the items discussed at the last Parks Committee meeting as well as items the Parks Committee plans to work on during future meetings.

- 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 expiring terms (September 30, 2019) of Commissioner Segovia, Commissioner Krawczynski, Commissioner Kneupper, and Commissioner Sullivan.

Commissioner Segovia, Commissioner Krawczynski, Commissioner Kneupper, and Commissioner Sullivan expressed they would like to seek reappointment for another term.

2. Make recommendation to City Council for consideration of reappointment.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bippert, seconded by Commissioner McKinney, to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Commissioner Segovia, Commissioner Krawczynski, Commissioner Kneupper, and Commissioner Sullivan to serve another term on the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission with terms expiring September 30, 2021. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Interview possible candidates for the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 7 vacancy (term expiring September 30, 2020).

The Commission interviewed Shannon Drichta for the vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2020.

4. Make recommendation to City Council for appointment of Commissioner.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Vice-Chair Krawczynski, to recommend to City Council the appointment of Shannon Drichta to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 7 with term expiring September 30, 2020. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

e) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

The Commission discussed Mr. Hensley presenting the census at the Commission's September meeting and Mr. Murphy attending either the September or October Commission meeting depending on the census timeline.

ii. Announcement of next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting (Monday, September 16, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Segovia announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

7. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

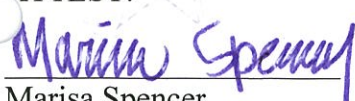
Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding Ordinance No. 210 and the schedule for conducting deer counts.

Kay Bower, 8947 Garden Ridge Drive, spoke regarding antivenom for coral snakes.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, August 19, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Segovia.

ATTEST:


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Chair