



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Vice-Chair David Krawczynski
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Commissioner Dr. Denise Miner-Williams
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Shannon Drichta
Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Troy Bippert (Voluntary Announced Absence)

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners present, Chair Segovia called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to order at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020, 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 had no statement this month.
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 – Bats of Bracken Cave by Dr. Denise Miner-Williams (limited to 30 minutes total)**
Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams reviewed the presentation "Bats of Bracken Cave" (see attached). She answered questions from Commissioners and the audience.
 - b) **Approvals**
 1. **Minutes November 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 November 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/Updates

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

i. Feral hogs.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, updated the Commission on the current status of hog sightings throughout the City.

ii. Police Department and Animal Services.

The Commission discussed the wildlife report from the Police Department and Animal Services.

2. Commissioner's Projects

i. Hog Management (Sullivan).

Commissioner Sullivan showed two videos about hog trapping (linked below). The Commission discussed upgrading the City's traps by purchasing new gaming equipment and requested to leave this item on the agenda.

"Wild Hog Trapping" by Jager Pro - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmCuy0TJ2rs&feature=emb_rel_pause
"Introducing BoarBuster" by Noble Research Institute - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsFXhGoDnW0>

ii. Development of subcommittees and/or assignments for Commissioners.

Chair Segovia reviewed a variety of assignments for the Commissioners. The Commission discussed the different assignments and agreed with the following:

- Commissioner Kneupper and Commissioner Sullivan: Hog Management
- Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department liaison

Vice-Chair Krawczynski and Commissioner Drichta stated they will select an assignment at the next meeting.

iii. Update regarding City and/or State wildlife management.

The Commission had no update at this time.

iv. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

The Commission discussed the schedule for future education/training sessions: March – Commissioners Kneupper and Sullivan (Hogs).

3. Meeting Updates/Reports

i. December 4, 2019, and January 2, 2020, City Council Regular Meetings.

Chair Segovia reviewed the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission items discussed at the December and January City Council Regular Meetings, stating City Council approved the Wildlife Management Plan recommended by the Commission.

ii. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

Chair Segovia reviewed the pictures of the meadow at Paul Davis Park. The Commission discussed and revised a proposed letter of support. The Commission agreed by consensus to sign the letter of support addressed to the Parks Committee for the purposes of creating an ADA Accessible Path. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, expressed concern regarding this consensus due to not being an action item on the agenda, and the following day the City Attorney advised that this action was voided.

Councilmember Swint stated the Parks Committee will be hosting an Earth Day "Eggstravaganza" Event on April 4, 2020.

d) Recommendations

1. Deer Management Program.

i. Discuss status and make recommendations related to, if needed.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the City is still in the process of securing locations for traps.

2. City of Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Plan.

i. Discuss updates and make recommendations related to, if needed.

Chair Segovia discussed writing a grapevine article for March about the Wildlife Management Plan.

3. 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.

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

The Commission did not have any additional matters to discuss at this time.

e) Future Agenda Items.

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Chair Segovia stated the Commission should continue to review and update the Wildlife Management Plan.

2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (March 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Segovia announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

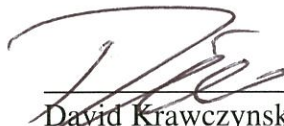
7. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

Rick Cross, 20637 Wahl Lane, spoke regarding hog traps and educational training on feral hogs.

8. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to adjourn. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Monday, January 27, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. by Chair Segovia.

ATTEST:



David Krawczynski
Vice-Chair



Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary