**BLUE RIBBON CAPITAL PLANNING / 2025 VISION ADVISORY BOARD**
**JANUARY 15, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Ray Hernandez, Chairperson
Bob Troyer, Co-Chairperson
Toya Gant
Robert Solete
Kristin Green
Amanda Ferguson – arrived at 6:32 p.m.
Karen Locke
Derik Hayenga
Tamela Bowie

**Members Absent:** none

**City Staff Present:**

Donna Barron, City Manager
Steve Bacchus, Assistant City Manager
Eric Ferris, Assistant City Manager
Melinda Galler, Assistant City Manager
Gina Thompson, Director of Strategic Services
Bob Monaghan, Director of Parks & Recreation
David Salmon, City Engineer
Jennifer Malone, Executive Assistant

**Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present** **(Agenda Item 1)**

The scheduled session of the Blue Ribbon Capital Planning/2025 Vision Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Ray Hernandez at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015, in the City Council Conference Room of the Lewisville City Hall, 151 West Church Street, Lewisville, Texas. Chairperson Hernandez announced there was a quorum present.

**Approve Minutes from January 8, 2015 Meeting** **(Agenda Item 2)**

Upon a motion made by Board member Derik Hayenga and seconded by Board member Robert Solete, the Board voted eight (8) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the minutes of the Blue Ribbon Capital Planning/2025 Vision Advisory Board January 8, 2015 meeting. Board member Amanda Ferguson arrived at 6:32 p.m.

**Trail and Park Projects - Staff Prioritization** **(Agenda Item 3)**

Bob Monaghan, Director of Parks & Leisure Services, discussed the spine trails segment prioritization. City Manager Donna Barron advised that spine trails are the only level of trails as found in the Trail Master Plan. A future plan will address the connecting trails to the neighborhoods. Board member Amanda Ferguson inquired about the number of grant opportunities available annually. Mr. Monaghan advised that this changes year-to-year, but there are a couple of grants that may come up this year. Ms. Barron advised that development of the plan will help the City obtain consideration for these grants.

The second project for discussion was a new recreation center. Mr. Monaghan discussed the programs offered currently and provided a copy of the WOW brochure to the board members. Board member Karen Locke asked if the new recreation center would be designed for future expansion. Mr. Monaghan advised that it could be designed for future expansion. He explained that the Herring Recreation Center has been expanded and the Memorial Park Recreation Center was designed to allow for future expansion.

The current and target level of service was discussed. Chairperson Ray Hernandez advised that it would be useful to know what type of private facilities are located in Lewisville compared to other cities surveyed for level of service. He advised that the lack of private facilities available may be increasing the level of service needed in those cities.

Board member Robert Solete suggested describing the center using the word "activity" when presenting a recommendation to City Council. Board member Karen Locke asked about the Keller Points facility cost breakdown. Staff will obtain that information for the board. Ms. Barron advised that the facility would have to be specifically listed on a ballot, although no specific name would be listed for the facility. Board member Tamela Bowie suggested calling the facility something that will help to sell it to the voters. Discussed rates charged for use of the recreation center and revenue offset. Mr. Monaghan advised that raising the rates would be a Council decision. Chairperson Ray Hernandez advised that it would be important to know what the recovery amount and annual cost would be. Mr. Monaghan advised that there will be some offset for programming. Ms. Barron advised that there is a fee to use, but the revenue does not pay for the cost of operating the facility. Staff can provide an estimate. Mr. Monaghan advised that staff could get some information regarding what the fees could be.

The third project for discussion was the Senior Center expansion. Mr. Monaghan presented photos of the current facility. Board member Karen Locke asked what the turnout is for senior luncheons. Mr. Monaghan advised that he could obtain information regarding attendance of these events. Ms. Barron advised that there are no fees charged for use of the Senior center. Chairperson Ray Hernandez advised that he does not see a problem with charging a non-resident fee at the Senior Center. Board member Karen Locke suggested that if other cities do not charge a non-resident fee, Lewisville shouldn't either. Mr. Monaghan advised that although we do not charge seniors, they do get a participation card for the facility. If there is

limited space for an event, it is open to the residents first. Mr. Monaghan used the iPad class as an example of a class that has to be moved to the Memorial Park Recreation Center because 40 people have signed up. If a Senior Center activity has to be moved to the Memorial Park Recreation Center based on limited space, there is still no fee charged.

The fourth project for discussion was river access. Mr. Monaghan discussed the 22-mile paddling trail and a launch area. Mr. Monaghan advised that at this time the hours are restricted to when LLELA is open. Board member Derik Hayenga discussed that there is no information on the data sheet for paving costs related to river access. Mr. Monaghan advised that it is unknown at this time how much paving will be needed, temporary paving may be used, concrete paving is not allowed on the LLELA property. Ms. Barron advised that the cost for paving would be separate and may come from 4B funds.

The fifth project for discussion was the Lake Park campground improvements. Mr. Monaghan advised that there could be more amenities. Some campgrounds have publicly and privately run stores. Mr. Monaghan advised that Lewisville has the lowest rates in the area for camping which consist of $16 and $18 per day for sites. Board member Derik Hayenga discussed whether or not this is the best use for this site. Co-Chairperson Bob Troyer advised that some residents will camp at Lake Park to be closer to home. Board member Tamela Bowie wanted to know if a different use could be looked at. Ms. Barron advised that staff has had conversations with the Corps of Engineers and they require a campground somewhere on Corps property. Mr. Monaghan said that a master plan should be done at Lake Park to identify the needs. Chairperson Ray Hernandez asked if there would be expansion. Mr. Monaghan advised that this is really about rehabilitation rather than expansion. One area in need of rehabilitation is ADA compliance at the Connor Pavilion and the campground.

The sixth project for discussion was the Lake Park Day Use improvements. Assistant City Manager Melinda Galler advised that we have a contract with the Department of the Interior to make our parks compliant within the year. Lake Park varies somewhat as the City has been given an extension with no set timeframe to make the needed improvements. The playground is old and needs to be replaced as replacement parts cannot be found due to the age of the equipment. Mr. Monaghan presented examples of theme related playgrounds. The Park Board has recommended a "lake theme". Mr. Monaghan advised that all of this will require a master plan. Discussed funding for the master plan. An estimate of the cost is approximately $75,000 for development of the plan, which would be recommended for 4B funding. The Park Board could make a recommendation and City Council could consider it along with the budget.

The seventh project for discussion was the Herring Recreation Center improvements. Phase I was built in 1983 and Phase II in 1989. Mr. Monaghan advised that the Master Plan recommended increasing the size of the equipment area. Ms. Barron advised that ADA compliance will need to be addressed and will be funded with 4B funds or the General Fund.

The eighth project for discussion was a Nature Center. Mr. Monaghan presented photos of different nature centers. Ms. Barron advised that UNT would participate in funding and LISD

may also, but the Corps of Engineers will not. Ms. Barron advised that the City funding will most likely come from 4B funds. Ms. Barron discussed the Trinity Nature Center and Dogwood Canyon in Cedar Hill.

The ninth project for discussion was East Hill Park. Mr. Monaghan advised that the master plan was done in 2002 and would need to be redone.

The tenth project for discussion was the Levee Improvement District (LID) trail development. Assistant City manager Eric Ferris identified the location and explained the history. Ms. Barron advised that at this point it is hoped that the LID will have a levy assessment for the improvements. This is still being negotiated.

Ms. Barron advised that there are additional funding resources for these projects. The 4B tax revenue can be revisited as the Board gets closer to the prioritization and recommendation of the projects presented. There was discussion regarding scheduling a tour of some of the project sites.

**Adjournment** **(Agenda Item 4)**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Board member Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Board member Karen Locke, the Board voted nine (9) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to adjourn the meeting of the Blue Ribbon Capital Planning/2025 Vision Advisory Board at 8:35 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Ray Hernandez, CHAIRPERSON
BLUE RIBBON CAPITAL PROJECTS/VISION 2025
ADVISORY BOARD

PREPARED BY:

Jennifer Malone,
Executive Assistant, City of Lewisville