

**BLUE RIBBON CAPITAL PLANNING / 2025 VISION ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 8, 2015**

Members Present:

Bob Troyer, Co-Chairperson
Toya Gant
Robert Solete
Kristin Green
Amanda Ferguson
Karen Locke
Derik Hayenga

Members Absent:

Ray Hernandez, Chairperson
Tamela Bowie

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 Co-Chairperson Bob Troyer at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2015, in the City Council Conference Room of the Lewisville City Hall, 151 West Church Street, Lewisville, Texas. Co-Chairperson Troyer announced there was a quorum present. Chairperson Ray Hernandez and Board member Tamela Bowie were absent.

**Approve Minutes from December 18,
2014 Meeting**

(Agenda Item 2)

Upon a motion made by Board member Robert Solete and seconded by Board member Amanda Ferguson, the Board voted six (6) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to approve the minutes of the Blue Ribbon Capital Planning/2025 Vision Advisory Board December 18, 2014 meeting. Board member Derik Hayenga voluntarily abstained from the vote based on his absence at the December 18, 2014 meeting.

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**Overview of Park and Trails Master
Plan**

(Agenda Item 3)

Bob Monaghan, Director of Parks & Leisure Services introduced the consultant, Lenny Hughes with Halff Associates, who conducted a presentation on the Park Master Plan and the Trail Master Plan. Mr. Hughes coordinated the Trail Master Plan and then the Park Master Plan. He also assisted with the application for the federal grant for the Lake Park Trail and the Garden Ridge Trail, which were recommended by the 2025 Vision committee.

In 2010 and 2011, Mr. Hughes worked with the City, community and Park Board for input on plan development. The Trails Master Plan was coordinated in 2011. The current level of service is one mile of trail per 6,600 people; the target level of service is one mile per 2,500 people (based on the cities surveyed by Halff Associates). The projected additional spine trails needed is 66.9 miles and that is anticipated to increase based on City population growth and the need for connection trails.

Mr. Hughes discussed different types of trails in order to meet the needs of multiple user groups including off-street trails and shared-use paths, sidewalks, enhanced sidewalks, bike routes and facilities and trail head and access points. Co-Chairperson Bob Troyer discussed the need for trail etiquette/education. Mr. Hughes advised that the plan includes interpretive signage.

Mr. Hughes discussed spine segment analysis/prioritization and the I-35 crossing analysis. Mr. Hughes advised that it is important to plan for any crossings in the beginning of the I-35 project. A grant has been received for the Garden Ridge trail.

Mr. Hughes discussed the Parks and Open spaces vision plan. He explained that some of the parks in the city are older, while some have newer and enhanced amenities, such as Toyota of Lewisville Railroad Park. Sustainability is key; parks need to be low maintenance. It is important to use the proper plants and landscaping for water conservation. The current level of service is approximately 14.6 acres per 1,000 people. The recommended target for level of service is 20 acres per 1,000 people. City Manager Donna Barron advised that one of the problems when looking at parks is the availability of land. Mr. Hughes advised that the City of Richardson actually bought some properties for parks land. Ms. Barron advised that park land in Lewisville may need to be the result of redevelopment in the City as there is not a lot of vacant land.

Mr. Hughes advised that the original plan projections did not include future residents from Castle Hills or the acreage of existing parks in Castle Hills. Board member Solete advised that the existing park acreage in Castle Hills and population figures should be included for the presentation to City Council. Board member Karen Locke inquired as to whether or not the LLELA property is included in the calculations. Mr. Monaghan advised that the LLELA acreage is not included. LLELA is a nature preserve and cannot be used for activities typical of

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community parks. Mr. Hughes then discussed the property that the City acquired by the existing Senior Center.

Board member Toya Gant asked if there is available data showing the usage of the current trails. Mr. Monaghan advised that it is difficult to obtain numbers for trail usage. Board member Karen Locke asked if it is possible to increase the size of Railroad Park with the available land. Mr. Monaghan advised that there could only be more open space.

The Board then discussed neighborhood parks. Mr. Monaghan discussed that adding cricket fields may be considered to some future parks.

**Overview of Park Board Capital Plan
Recommendation**

(Agenda Item 4)

Mr. Monaghan discussed the parks and open space recommendation by the Park Board. Board member Karen Locke questioned the use of the amphitheater at Vista Ridge. Mr. Monaghan explained that it is too expensive to make this facility ADA compliant and said that the City is looking at ways to reclaim it. Ms. Barron advised that this was given to the City for park purposes.

Mr. Monaghan discussed expansion of the Senior Center. There is a need for more room. The Senior Center could be expanded by combing it with the Memorial Park Recreation Center, making it one large building.

Mr. Monaghan discussed the Park Board priorities. Campground improvements are the first priority, which is influenced by an anticipated increase in revenue. Ms. Barron advised that the investment has not been made at the campground due to waiting on plans related to the Lake Development Project. Board member Robert Solete advised that the Park Board toured the campground facilities in Grapevine. Ms. Barron advised that this park is part of the Green Centerpiece.

The second Park Board priority is improvements to the Lake Park athletic fields. Mr. Monaghan advised that this has been funded and will go to bid upon approval by the Corps of Engineers.

The third priority is improvements to the Lake Park Day Use Area including updates to comply with ADA requirements, adding picnic tables with covers and custom design playgrounds with a "lake" theme.

The fourth is priority river access points. Mr. Monaghan advised that there is six miles within the City limits. After this project is completed, the City can be added to the Texas Parks & Wildlife website as a paddling trail.

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Additional priority include: #5 - Trails Phase I; #6 - Herring Recreation Center renovation and improvements; #7 - Senior Activity Center expansion; #8 - Hedrick House improvements; #9 - Trail Phase I completion and beginning Phase II; #10 - new recreation/aquatic facility; #11 - East Hill open space park development; and #12 - Tennis Center.

Ms. Barron advised that the purpose of the meeting was to bring the overview to the Board prior to staff recommendations. A schedule of upcoming meetings was provided to the Board.

Trail and Park Projects - Staff Prioritization

(Agenda Item 5)

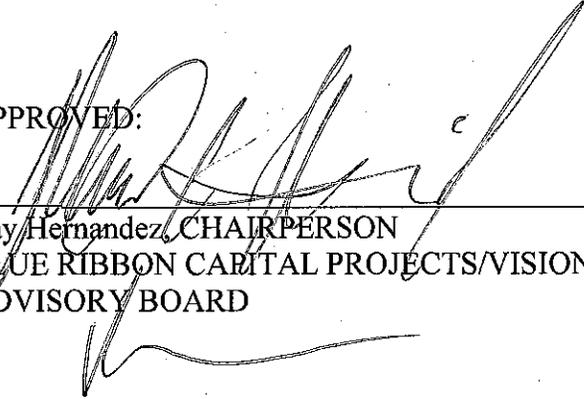
Upon a motion made by Board member Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Board member Karen Locke, the Board voted six (7) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to table Agenda Item 5: Trail and Park Projects - Staff Prioritization to the January 15, 2015 meeting.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item 6)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Karen Locke and seconded by Board member Kristin Green, the Board voted seven (7) "ayes" and no (0) "nays" to adjourn the meeting of the Blue Ribbon Capital Planning/2025 Vision Advisory Board at 8:25 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2015. The motion carried.

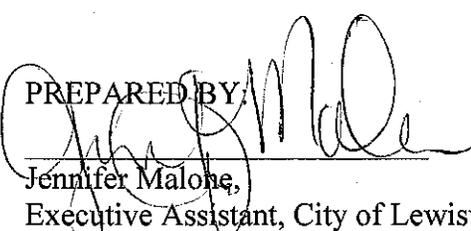
APPROVED:



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Jennifer Malone,
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