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MEETING MINUTES
FOR REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC)
OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS
GRANITE SHOALS CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2221 N. PHILLIPS RANCH ROAD, GRANITE SHOALS, TX
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2016 6:30 PM

1. Call meeting to order by Jason Brady at 6:30 PM.

Present:

Jason Brady – Chair
Doug Ripple – Vice Chair
Steve Hougen
Mary Waters
Willie Pack
Robbie Boswell
Dennis Jowers

Absent:

Todd Holland, Council Member Advisor

City Staff:

Elaine Simpson, City Secretary (recording secretary)

Other participants:

2. Citizens Comments/Items of Interest:

There were no citizen comments.

3. Review and approve meeting minutes from March meetings. (The meeting scheduled for April 28, 2016 was not held, due to lack of a quorum.)

Dr. Hougen made a motion, and Chair Brady seconded, to approve the meeting minutes from the meetings of March 3, 2016 and March 24, 2016, respectively, as presented. Motion carried with unanimous vote of 7-0.

4. Review of Prequalification Meeting held March 24, 2016.

It was noted that no applications have yet been received from volunteers interested in being on the Harvester's Team (archers).

5. Review, discuss, consider and possibly take action related to proposed sites for harvest areas, and other logistics related to the Deer Management pilot program.

There was a brief discussion of sites for harvest locations. There are currently six sites which look promising, hopefully there will be closer to ten total by the time the pilot program begins. Chair Brady and City Manager Nickel have done on-site inspections of the six locations. About half are private property, half are city property (not parks).

Also, the representatives of Texas Parks and Wildlife, Erin and Kevin, toured the sites which are being considered. They had concerns about only one.

So far, we have not gotten permission to use outbuilding on South side of City Hall for a weigh station.

There is cause for concern related to sabotage of the hunt areas by those opposed to the pilot program. City Attorney will provide guidance for us related to security and confidentiality of sites.

Sites will be known to those residents within 300 feet. (100 yards). Texas Parks and Wildlife advice is to notify all the neighbors within this radius. They recommend property owner education. Educate the neighbors even if they are too far away to request a 'retrieval waiver'.

The Committee will need to work with the City Attorney to create a workable Communications protocol for harvester volunteers to follow if they are approached by the media or protestors.

6. Discuss scheduling of upcoming Town Hall Meeting regarding the Deer Management.

June 18th, 2016, Saturday, 9-11 AM at the Fire Hall will be the time for the Town Hall meeting. Erin Wehland will provide copies of the pamphlet 'Killing Them With Kindness', which discusses the drawbacks of supplemental feeding for urban deer.

7. Review, consider, and possibly take action to compose information presentation / agenda for upcoming Town Hall Meeting regarding the Deer Management.

Town Hall Deer Management Pilot Program

Proposed agenda:

1. *Call To Order*
2. *Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping*
3. *Background / Historical information on Wildlife Advisory Committee:*
 - *Citizen survey Jan 2015*
 - *Deer Town Hall May 2015*
 - *Deer Census August 2015*

It was decided not to have extensive background information in the June 18th presentation. The information from the last Town Hall (5-2-2015) and the agendas and meeting minutes are on the city website.

- *Ord. 685 – Deer Management Pilot Program Approved February 2016 for 2016-2017.*

There will just be a discussion of the Ordinance like from the '10 thousand foot view'.

Next Steps:

- *No Deer Feeding Ordinance will go to City Council in May 2016*

It is unclear when this Ordinance is going to be considered by Council. So this may or may not be an item on the Town Hall agenda on June 18th.

- *Pilot Program participants begin prequalification Summer 2016*
- *Next Deer Census will be done August 2016*
- *Oct. 2016 – Feb. 2017 Deer Management Pilot Program*

It is unclear at this time whether the program will start in October or early November.

4. *Dispel the Myths of the Archery Based Deer Management Pilot Program*

The committee members determined that they preferred the phrase 'Addressing the Concerns' rather than 'Dispel the Myths'.

5. *Question and Answers*

6. *Adjournment*

The committee reviewed a PowerPoint presentation draft and City Secretary Simpson made modifications to the slides as each was reviewed.

Vice Chair Ripple made a motion, and Dr. Hougen seconded, to accept and approve the PowerPoint presentation, with modifications as made tonight. Motion carried unanimously by a 7-0 vote.

8. Identify Future Agenda items

There will be no WAC meeting on May 26, 2016. The next meeting will be held in the morning right before the Town Hall Meeting on June 18th, 2016. This meeting will be held at the Fire Hall to review the presentation and prepare for the Town Hall. This early meeting will begin at 7:30 AM.

Chair Brady will continue to research and prepare lists of neighbors near proposed harvest areas. He will also order promotional banners for the Town Hall meeting.

Willie Pack will design an Excel chart that will keep statistics on the pilot program.

City Secretary Simpson should invite interested parties from March 24th meeting to attend the Town Hall.

Chair Brady will continue to research Bow Hunter education course options.

9. Adjournment.

There being no further business and no objections from the members of the Committee, Chair Brady adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.

I, Jason Brady, Chairman of the Wildlife Advisory Committee for the City of Granite Shoals, Texas, certify that the attached are true and correct minutes taken from recordings and notes of the Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting of May 4, 2016


Date: 6-23-16