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MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
City Hall, 385 S Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087
Wednesday, May 2, 2018
6:00 PM

7 **Call To Order**

8 The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00pm by Park Board
9 Chairman Brad Bassett with the following Board Members present: Fran Webb, Ray
10 Harton, Brandon Morris, Kevin Johnson and Charles Johnson. Larry Denny was absent.
11 Also present were Director of Parks and Recreation, Andy Hesser, Administrative
12 Secretary, Wendy Young, Recreation Superintendent, Andrew Ainsworth and Parks
13 Superintendent, Travis Sales.
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15 **Open Forum**

16 Chairman Bassett explained how Open Forum is conducted and asked if anyone in the
17 audience would like to come forth and speak during this time. There being no one
18 wishing to speak, Chairman Bassett then closed the Open Forum.
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20 **Consider approval of minutes from April 9, 2018 Park Board meeting and take any**
21 **action necessary.**

22 The minutes from the April 9, 2018 Park Board meeting were provided to the Board for
23 their review and approval. C. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, Webb
24 seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-2 (K. Johnson & Morris abstained).
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26 **Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council regarding a proposal by**
27 **Scott Self to operate a tow boat concession on Lake Ray Hubbard and take any**
28 **action necessary.**

29 Mr. Hesser explained that Scott Self of Sail With Scott LLC is requesting that the City
30 consider entering into a concession agreement to operate a tow boat business on Lake
31 Ray Hubbard. Mr. Self currently operates the Sea Wolf sailboat business from The
32 Harbor. The proposed business would operate from Chandlers Landing Marina and
33 would operate boats equipped to render aid to stranded boats and tow them back to a
34 marina or boat ramp. According to our inter-local agreement with the City of Dallas, all
35 concession operations are required to pay 4.75% of gross revenue to the City of
36 Rockwall. These funds are deposited into the Recreation Development Fund which is
37 used to fund parks and recreation facilities, programs and events subject to the budget
38 appropriations process. Any revenue above \$100,000 is subject to revenue sharing with
39 the City of Dallas. The fee schedule for that is included in your packet. Any
40 recommendations approved by City Council are contingent on the City of Dallas
41 approval. Mr. Self came forth and explained that this is a new venture with new partners.
42 This will be called Towboats of Lake Ray Hubbard and will be a great addition to the
43 lake. The towing begins at 2pm until late at night. Most of the calls are dead batteries, out
44 of gas or engine failure. C. Johnson made motion to recommend that City Council
45 authorize the City of Rockwall to enter into a concession agreement with Towboats of
46 Lake Ray Hubbard. Bassett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.


47 **Discuss and consider recommendation to City Council regarding entering into a**
48 **concession agreement with the Spirit of Dallas to operate the Harbor Lights**
49 **passenger boat and take any action necessary.**

50 Director of Parks & Recreation Andy Hesser explained that Greta Mittman with The
51 Spirit of Dallas company and operates a catamaran sailboat cruise on White Rock Lake.
52 She is proposing to purchase The Harbor Lights cruise boat that is currently operating on
53 Lake Ray Hubbard. The Harbor lights was originally constructed and operated by Scott
54 Self but was sold to another operator a few years ago. That company has since chosen to
55 move on to other business ventures. The boat operates from a dock extension on the
56 south side of the light house jetty. The boat has exclusive access to operate from that
57 dock and is not open to public use. The concession agreement is subject to the same
58 4.75% concession fee as all other operators within the City of Rockwall takeline area.
59 Contingent on City of Rockwall and City of Dallas approval, they would be required to
60 provide adequate insurance, indemnification of the City and appropriate captain's license
61 and experience. They would be required to maintain the existing dock extension. Staff
62 also recommends requiring that The Harbor Lights be operated exclusively from City of
63 Rockwall docks at The Harbor only and not incorporate other drop off or pick up points
64 in adjacent city or private facilities on Lake Ray Hubbard. Michael and Greta Mitman
65 came forth and explained that the purchased Harbor Lights recently and have started to
66 make repairs to the boat and the dock. They are licensed captains and have high
67 expectations. They will operate exclusively on City of Rockwall docks. No matter
68 where they are picked up, 100% of the revenue goes to City of Rockwall. Bassett made a
69 motion to recommend that City Council authorize the City of Rockwall to enter into a
70 concession agreement with Spirit of Dallas. Webb seconded the motion which passed
71 unanimously.

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73 **Adjournment**

74 There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was
75 adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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77 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
78 TEXAS, this 6th day of June 2018.

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81 Brad Bassett, Park Board Chairman

82 ATTEST:
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85 Wendy Young, Administrative Secretary