

**Friends of West University Place Parks Fund, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

Friends of West University Place Parks Fund, Inc. ("Friends") Board met on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 11:30 AM at the West University Place Recreation Center, 4210 Bellaire Blvd, West University Place, TX.

The following were in attendance:

Board Members

Mark Prescott
Ting Bresnahan
Katie Hill
Christine Parker
Christi Young
Anna Stewart
Megan Morris
Grace Ebaugh
Michelle Huth

Executive Director

Donna LaMond

Staff

Tim O'Connor

Councilman

Dick Yehle

Visitors

Adrienne Vanderbloemen
Alida Drewes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:37am.

II. Welcome, Opening Remarks and Approval of Minutes (Mark Prescott)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A vote to approve the January 14, 2015 board meeting minutes was called by Christi Young and seconded by Megan Morris. It was approved by unanimous vote.

Good morning and welcome. Before we get started, I would like to recognize Tim O'Connor and congratulate him on his recent TRAPS East Region Director of the Year Award on 2/5/15. I don't want to say too much and take away from a more formal recognition of the PLB success, but I want to congratulate Christi, Adrienne and Michele for getting their lives back. Thank you for all of your hard work. The event was a fabulous success.

III. Treasurer's Report (Christine Parker)

See attached reports.

IV. Park Lovers' Ball 2015 (Michele Still, Adrienne Vanderbloemen, Christi Young)

Everything went as planned on the night of February 7th! Many thanks to the city staff, to the members of the board and to all of the sponsors that made this event a success! The event is looking to have grossed \$438,000! \$30,000 of that will be donated to the West University Elementary Foundation to help rebuild the park on the corner of University and Edloe (that is widely used by the community). There is still some availability on the sociables: Cinco De Mama, The Marquis Party and the Spooky Party—all are sure to be a good time! There are also some photos from the photo contest still available for purchase (\$25 for the smaller and \$50 for the larger). Overall the consensus is happy with the Omni and their staff.

V. Parks and Recreation Report (Tim O'Connor)

Most of the news that would be reported on is detailed in his weekly emailed reports. He is currently working on park signage. The video shown at PLB was very nice and Tim confirmed permission from Donna to post it on the city's website. Permission was granted.

VI. Other Reports and Announcements (Donna LaMond)

PLB2015 - The PLB2015 chairs' report says it all. Completely successful event! Congratulations to these couples who have worked tirelessly on behalf of our neighborhood parks. We are meeting next week to go over the event while it is still fresh on our minds. We are always looking for ways to continue to make PLB a sold out event each year. Thanks also to Sue and Gary Hanna for serving as our honorary chairs. I would like to take this opportunity to present a token of our appreciation to the event chairs. Each chair will get a paver in their West U park of choice. Matt Foytlin will coordinate the paver orders and inscriptions for each couple.

We are identifying more places for pavers in popular Wier Park as well as making plans to replace any pavers that are damaged.

We are excited to have Frost Bank as our new Party on the Patio Concert Series Sponsor for 2015. The concert bands have already been secured and the concerts will take place on Friday evenings in June. Thank you Frost Bank!

Requested checks from our treasurer to reimburse the City for park improvements approved for funding in 2014 and completed to date. These improvements include remaining reforestation expenses at Judson Park and the West U Rec Center, Tennis court lighting at Judson Park, Judson Court Amenities, Colonial Park Turf project and the West U Rec Center playground fencing. The total is \$106,102.20. Friends is proud to be able to provide the funds for these projects.

Fathers & Flashlights 2015 – We can expect a report next month from our new F & F chairs, Kelly and Sean Butler, Kristine and Joaquin Martinez, and Kara and Curt Schaefer. The first priority is setting the date and they are working on that.

Prepared and presented a Friends projects and goals list to the City for 2015. Among our goals is developing an underwriting and sponsorship committee that will add additional support to Friends efforts including F & F and PLB. We will have more information on this committee's actions next month.

A committee has been assembled to help identify possible PLB2016 event chairs. This committee will meet on March 2. This will be the 25th anniversary of the ball and I have tentatively scheduled the ball for Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at the Omni. Meanwhile, if you have names to suggest for PLB2016 event chairs, please call or email me.

Please note that we will not have a board meeting in March due to spring breaks. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at 11:30 am here at the Rec Center. May will be our annual Star Citizen Awards luncheon. That date has not yet been set.

Friends lapel pins are available to any of you who do not already have one. If you do not have one, please take one before you leave today.

Please continue to refer to the weekly reports that you receive via email for an ongoing update on other Friends activities as well as all Parks and Rec activities. This concludes my report.

VII. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at 11:30am, 2015 at 11:30 AM at the West University Place Recreation Center, 4210 Bellaire Blvd, West University Place, TX. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hill
Secretary