



Summary of August 6, 2018 Botanic Garden Task Force Meeting

The Task Force meeting was called to order at 12:00PM by Chair Sal Espino. Task Force members present were John Avila, Greg Bird, Sal Espino, Ralph Emerson, Jim Estill, Laura Harrison, Sheila Hill, Marty Leonard, Elaine Petrus, Scott Wilcox, Mitch Whitten and Harvey Yamagata. City of Fort Worth staff members present were Assistant City Manager Susan Alanis, Park & Recreation Director Richard Zavala, Park & Recreation Assistant Director Sandra Youngblood, Bob Byers, Botanic Garden Director, Richard McCracken, Assistant City Attorney, and Garden Coordinator Ennis Anderson.

Motion was made by Sheila Hill to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 Task Force meeting. Seconded by Jim Estill. Motion approved unanimously.

Susan Alanis, Assistant City Manager presented the recommendation of institutional viability. No amendments or revisions were made to the recommendation presented. Elaine Petrus made a motion to approve the recommendations, Scott Wilcox seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Susan Alanis presented the recommendation of the fiscal plan.

The Task Force requested that the accessibility options be considered first, prior to discussion on admission and membership fees. John Avila made a motion to approve the accessibility options, Mitch Whitten seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Sheila Hill made motion to charge admission and establish membership rates, starting out at the year three admission rates of \$12, \$6, \$10. Elaine Petrus seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. John Avila made motion to raise the youth rate up to age 15. Elaine Petrus seconded the motion. Motion approved. Sheila Hill and Greg Bird voted against raising the youth age.

Susan Alanis presented recommendation on governance. Marty Leonard made motion to approve, Elaine Petrus seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

There were no amendments and/or changes requested made to the Task Force Draft Report. It will be finalized as is presented with the recommended admission and membership fees and the revised youth age.

There was discussion regarding the timing of implementation of admission fees.

The next steps including presentations to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board and City Council were provided.

Meeting adjourned.