

**City of Angleton, Texas
 Angleton Better Living Corporation
 Minutes of Meeting
 Monday, April 21, 2008**

The City of Angleton, Texas Angleton Better Living Corporation held it's Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on April 21, 2008 at City Hall, 121 S. Velasco, Angleton, Texas for the following:

1. Declaration of quorum and call to order.
 Those in attendance included:

J. Patrick Henry	Chairman
Gregg Dykes	Vice-Chair
Chris Peltier	Board Member
Woody Hazlewood	Board Member
Roy Gardner	Board Member - absent
Charlyn Rogers	Board Member
George Rau	Board Member
OTHERS PRESENT:	
Greg Smith	City Manager
Amanda Davenport	City Secretary
Susie Hernandez	Finance Director
Chris Saddler	Parks Director
Chris Orlea	Rec. Superintendent

2. Discussion and possible action on minutes from previous meeting on February 25, 2008.

This item was tabled until next month due to corrections.

3. Discussion and possible action on purchase/lease of new cardiovascular equipment.

Greg Smith presented this item stating that some of the fitness equipment at the Recreation Center is starting to fail frequently with some of it being down sometimes for up to as many as 8 weeks at a time. Staff would like to pursue the purchase/lease of new cardio equipment. There are two options that we are bringing to you tonight. The new equipment will have a 3 year warranty on all parts and labor and we'll have a guarantee of 24 hour response time

for repairs or replacement unit within 72 hours. Staff feels this type of arrangement is critical to the continued success of the recreation center with the membership increasing as it is.

Two different companies have submitted bids, Marathon Fitness and Fitness Unlimited. Marathon Fitness is recommended by staff, we already have two pieces of demo equipment from them and have received many positive comments from patrons. Marathon Fitness offers an option of a sound receiver in the units and will also give us a 20% buyback guarantee. Marathon Fitness lease plan is three years at \$1500 per month and \$18,000.00 per year.

Charlyn Rogers stated that there is a natural life to equipment like that and thinks the lease is a great option.

Mr. Rau asked about the machines that we will be receiving. Chris Saddler and Mr. Smith explained that it will be the same machines that we've already got there but it will be upgraded equipment, newer models.

Motion by Commissioner Rau to go forward with the lease of Pre-Cor Equipment from Marathon.

Second by Charlyn Rogers

Motion passes with 6 for; 1 absent; 0 against

4. Discussion and possible action on converting to a salt water sanitation system for the natatorium in the recreation center.

Greg Smith presented this item stating that it is a \$25K commitment but it will pay for itself within 20 months. We'll no longer have to buy or store chlorine which could be hazardous in large quantities. This form of sanitizing is better for the public and the public will not feel any difference in the pool itself.

Charlyn Rogers questions how long this technology has been used?

Chris Orlea stated that it has been used primarily residentially for the past several years, but has been picked up commercially in a big way recently. We've called two other cities who've used it for 6-8 months now and they had only positive comments about the system.

Mr. Rau wants to know why are we moving the current system to the outdoor pool if it is so bad for the natatorium?

Chris Orlea stated that since the pool is outdoors, we won't have the same problems, such as the chlorine fumes being confined indoors, etc.

Greg Smith we might look at converting the outdoor pool to saltwater in the future. IF you look at the big picture, the chlorine savings alone will pay for the equipment lease in agenda item #1.

Mrs. Rogers questioned how much salt and Mr. Orlea explained that you won't be able to tell there is salt in the water, about the same amount of salt that you realize from a tear.

Motion by Commissioner Rogers to convert to saltwater sanitation.

Second by Commissioner Dykes

Motion passes with 6 for; 1 absent; 0 against

5. Discussion and possible action upon approval of pool party area.

Greg Smith presented this item stating that we are trying to improve the pool parties and pool area. This would allow a party area right outside the pool and cut down on kids running from the pool to the multi-purpose rooms during their party time. Each area would be 20x20 fenced with wrought iron and a shade covering. When not in use for parties this area would be great for other outdoor uses by the general pool users and summer jamboree. Proposing a driveway from the southern most border of the property off Valderas to the back of the party area for easy access unloading/loading area.

Mr. Rau is concerned that the drive would not be aesthetically pleasing.

Proposing umbrellas for shade that have a 15 year warranty and are removable.

Mr. Hazlewood would like to know what type of fabric for the umbrellas and would it present a mildew problem? Chris Saddler stated that it is heavy gauge material designed for this use so it is mildew resistant.

We'll have the IT department install cameras in this area to deter theft and vandalism.

Mr. Rau would like to see more options on the driveway and Mr. Smith replied that we can certainly explore alternatives

regarding the driveway and giving citizens easy access to get their party supplies to the appropriate area.

Mr. Smith stated in summary that we'll get the umbrellas ordered and bring the drive back to the Board next month.

Motion by Commissioner Rau to approve the project pending the drive approval.

Second by Commissioner Rogers

Motion passes with 6 for; 1 absent; 0 against

6. Discussion and possible action on approval of budget amendments.

Greg Smith presented this item. These amendments are easy this time. We have a surplus from the 2006-2007 Recreation Center budget which was transferred back to ABLC, We'd like to transfer it back to the Recreation Center for the capital projects for this year. Our capital projects stand at \$150K, if we stay at this pace we are looking at transferring back to ABLC \$150-\$170K at the end of the year. The recreation center membership has increased since October and we now have approximately 1300 members.

Motion by Commissioner Dykes to approve budget amendments
Second by Commissioner Rogers

Motion passes with 6 for; 1 absent; 0 against

7. Update on Freedom Park.

Greg Smith presented this item stating that the clearing for the park is moving well. We will be applying for a grant through Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreation Trail Fund for the walking trail project. This grant is an eighty percent grant meaning that our responsibility would be the remaining 20% of the project cost. The project cost is estimated at \$248,000.00. Tx. Parks and Wildlife is encouraging all trails to be cinder path versus a concrete surface, so we've changed the surface to cinder to be better qualified for this grant. Cinder is more like a "track"

surface. The grant application is due by May 1, 2008.
This grant will not delay the construction of Freedom Park.

8. Adjourn 6:27 pm

J. Patrick Henry
ABLC Chairman

Amanda Davenport
ABLC Secretary