

**City of Angleton, Texas
 Angleton Better Living Corporation
 Minutes of Meeting
 Monday March 30, 2009**

The City of Angleton, Texas Angleton Better Living Corporation held it's Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 30, 2009 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	Board Member
Woody Hazlewood	Board Member
Chris Peltier	Board Member
Dr William Jackson	Board Member
George Rau	Board Member
Charlyn Rogers	Board Member
OTHERS PRESENT:	
Greg Smith	City Manager
Laurie Rodriguez	Asst. Cit Secretary
Chris Saddler	Recreation Director
Chris Orlea	Recreation Superintendent
Doug Roesler	Baker & Lawson

1. Declaration of quorum and call to order.
2. Discussion & possible action on approving the minutes from the February 23, 2009 meeting.

Greg Smith stated that he was left off as present at the meeting.

Motion by: Gregg Dykes to approve minutes with change of adding Greg Smith to others present

Second by: WT Hazlewood

Motion passes: 7 for, 0 against

3. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of playground equipment for Freedom Park.

Greg Smith presented the board with a large picture of the final rendition of the playground equipment. Rotary Club and Parks Board have approved this rendition.

This is an all inclusive playground; we once talked about doing a boundless system. What we found with the boundless system is that it is a certification that is actually not worthy of even having. They limit you to what company you can purchase from and you would get about an eighth of the playground. You would also have to put down that half a quarter million dollar surface.

The all inclusive will just not have to boundless certification. It is still handicap accessible.

What you see today versus what was presented to you theoretically two months ago is more equipment without the boundless certification because of the surface that it has to go on.

Rotary club has still committed \$65,000 and the city will give \$2000. Therefore we are requesting funding for the \$90,821.50 to purchase the playground from the Playworld group. If this is approved this week they have indication that this will be up and operational at the end of May.

Chris Saddler - This playground is 99.99% PVS free, we will be one of the first municipalities in this area to go to this equipment. It will have a pledge on the sign stating this.

Charlyn Rogers – The incremental amount that is needed from ABLC is a little over \$90,000 correct?

Greg Smith – that is correct

Charlyn Rogers – We had talked about naming rights being expenditures being equal to 50%. It doesn't appear that we are doing that.

Greg Smith – We are, the equipment is 50% and there is about \$20,000 or more of installation and also the bark mulch. So if

you take just the playground equipment itself the \$65,000 is over the 50%.

The mulch is certified engineered mulch

If drainage becomes an issue it can be dealt with at that time.

Motion by: Charlyn Rogers to approve the expenditure of \$90,821.50 for the playground equipment at Freedom Park.

Second by: George Rau

Motion passes: 7 for, 0 against

4. Discussion and possible action on awarding the bid for the Freedom Park walking trail.

Greg Smith described the different bids with the different products and surfaces with their prices.

Staffs recommendation is to throw the rubber surface and the asphalt out. We do not think the track surface that we are wanting at park is asphalt without curb.

There are the two remaining bids and we have also come up with a third alternative which is a concrete walking trail like what is at Bates Park. You will be looking at about \$200,000 for the concrete. It is my understanding that when the questionnaire was put out to the community that the runners and the joggers requested the red cinder or a soft running surface.

With that taken into consideration and the fact that the concrete is more than the other two bids of crushed granite cinder or the Red Dog Cinder with curbs.

Chris Saddler has contacted an independent party that is not even involved in this process about the difference between the two materials. A company from San Antonio has indicated that the granite does have a tendency to pulverize with a lot of use and can actually go out into the grass a lot easier than the red cinder. We talked to the city of Brenham who did the granite and they have had OK luck with it, but they are using an entirely

different curb than we will use. The curb on both of the bids is concrete.

Doug Roesler – in my opinion either the Red Dog which is the more expensive or the crushed granite are both serviceable.

Greg Smith – At this time staffs preference would be to go with the Red Dog cinder just because we have the comments from the third party independent saying the same thing that the City of Brenham did, that the granite did kind of fluff off a little bit. But it is a \$50,000 difference.

Charlyn Rogers - What is the financial position? Is this the balance because it may make a big difference?

Greg Smith – Currently in the ABLC account you have \$397,000 fund balance left. If you look at the Rec Center you have \$277,689 which is estimated to take care of the expansion at the Rec Center. So the next time we meet and you have the Rec Center bids to approve I will be recommending that we pay for that from that fund balance. That still leaves you with the \$397,000. You just spent \$90,000 on the playground so you have \$300,000 so you have bids of \$182,846 or \$133,000. Now if you look at the last two years under this current management of the Rec Center, the Rec Center had been able to give back to ABLC approximately \$150,000 at the end of each year. Even if you did go with either one of those decisions we feel comfortable that the Rec Center will probably refund some of the funds back to ABLC. Also we have gone long term. Your physical year 2010-2011 is when ABLC can go back out for additional debt service because you will have a reduction of your payment of almost \$70,000.

The one project that has not been discussed yet is the \$150,000 swimming pool that we are still in the need of looking at. If you put the \$300,000 price tag of what is left and you do the \$133,000 and the \$150,000 you are at \$288,000 you are pretty close to maxing out. If you went the \$182,000 with what the city could give back this year you will still have a little bit of surplus but it will probably be \$50,000 less.

Motion by: Charlyn Rogers to approve the crushed granite cinder with curbs for the jogging trail at Freedom Park

Second by: Gregg Dykes

Motion passes: 7 for, 0 against

5. Update on Rec Center expansion

We were hoping to award bids today. It did not happen the structural engineer had a contractor mention some concerns about the walls of windows so the engineer had to do some redesigning. He has now come up with plan that will meet all of the guidelines and is out for bid and the bids will be brought to the board at the next meeting for possible approval.

The concern was with the three walls of windows and that there may not have been enough structural integrity to hold all of the glass and make it a safe building. The redesign has increased the structural size of the steel. It will be the same look.

6. Update on outdoor pool

Greg Smith stated that we are moving right along with this project. We will probably bring you a picture of a proposed cover that is actually being utilized in Conroe. As we discussed the removable bubble is not actually an option. Once we increased the size of the pool the possibility of the bubble pretty much went away.

The system that we are looking at is basically like a tent that has a fixed roof, but all of the side panels come off. The cost of this structure is much more reasonable.

7. Adjournment

J. Patrick Henry
ABLC Chairman

Laurie Rodriguez
Asst. City Secretary