

**Board of Commissioners****Monday, September 17, 2018****7:00 P.M.****Work Session - Minutes**

1. **Activity Center Park Building—Remodel vs. Build New - Schedule WS-A** After the August meeting, staff gathered some pertinent information to see if there is a significant (cost) difference between renovating the A/C Park HQ west bay and demolishing to replace with new construction. Board consensus is to move forward with the remodeling for programming. However, commission believes that the architecture fee could be lower. Board agreed to take action in the regular business meeting.
2. **Neighborhood Park Process** - Director Biondo gave a short re-cap of the October 3 public engagement exercise regarding Willowbrook Park. There were 26 attendees in a range ages. All attendees were highly engaged and excited to share ideas regarding how they could better utilize the park. Final report due by the end of the year.
3. **Re-Cap NRPA Conference** - Staff held a post-conference meeting to present items that were learned or gained that can be implemented in the coming year.  
Among those (not an all-inclusive list):
  - Self-guided trail hikes
  - Stocked backpack rental
  - Universal playground/park designs
  - Solar panel charging stations
  - 110" z-turn mower
  - Chalk wall for photo ops
  - Blowers on mowers
4. **Dog Parks at Neighborhood Parks** - The keynote speaker at the NRPA conference talked about welcoming people to parks with their dogs. The Board and Staff discussed temporary dog parks and neighborhood dog "parties" as possible future endeavors.
5. **Preserves** - As staff started to inventory all the places that might be called preserves, it became a longer and longer list. We will want to spend some time developing a definition, much as we have for Nature, Community and Neighborhood Parks. A list will be presented in November.
6. **Purchase agreement** - The Board used extra time available during the work session to discuss the Purchase Agreement for Hithergreen real estate. Further discussion was reserved for Executive session.



## November 12, Next Board Meeting

Approved

Attested

Lucy Sanchez, President

Dan Monahan, Secretary