

(Agenda of meeting was posted in the Tulsa County Administration Building Lobby at 8:36 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2002.)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 10, 2002

The Board of County Commissioners of Tulsa County met at 9:30 a.m., with the following members present: Robert N. Dick, Chairman; and John Selph, Member. Member absent: Wilbert E. Collins, Sr. Others present: Dick Blakeley, Wayne Carr, Ray Jordan, Richard Bales, Terry Tallent, Buck Rudd, Chad Higgins, Ken Hargett, Kirby Crowe, Marsha Thompson, Susan Hylton, and Pam Hayes.

Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and the following business was transacted:

Bales discussed the need for establishing a Board approved policy to provide direction to the Parks Division for accepting donations (park benches, trees, etc.) made by families on behalf of deceased family members. He reported that in the past the County has supplied the labor necessary for placement of donations received and has chosen the appropriate location. Parks Division makes recommendations regarding type of tree appropriate for area and uses a standard bench, bench pad and remembrance plaque. It was the consensus of the Board to continue providing labor for installation of donated items if the items enhance the Park and are compatible with the Park's theme. Board agreed the Commissioner of the District in which the Park is located should look at the donation request and initial approval of project, then the Chairman could authorize its installation. Chairman directed Richard to develop an approval form to be used by those wishing to make parks donations. Motion was made by Selph, seconded by Dick, to approve Bales' request for a Board policy to address memorial donations to Parks. Higgins/Hargett will work with Bales to prepare a policy based upon the Board's discussion.

Bales requested the Board of County Commissioners approve the Park Trail Use Policy statement previously approved by the County Park Board. He stated that the goal is to identify who has the right-of-way on trails and not necessarily to forbid bicycle use. Bales added that the grant application for the trail bridge at Haikey Creek Park specified the bridge was to be appropriate for bicycle usage. He advised some of the trails at County Parks are wide enough for bicycles and some are not. Board agreed the trail at LaFortune Park was not wide enough for bicycle usage but indicated it did not want to ban bicycles there because they have not been a problem. Selph said in a rare instance a parent may walk at LaFortune Park with a small child beside them on a bicycle, but he did not see that as a problem. Dick agreed. Blakeley advised the notices posted at the Parks should allow for ADA motorized vehicles. Motion was made by Selph, seconded by Dick, that the County Park trails shall be posted "Pedestrians Have Right of Way, No Motorized Vehicles Allowed (unless ADA approved)."

Crowe presented the "4-to-Fix" December Master Project Monthly Report. He reported design work is underway on the Parks' miscellaneous architectural projects and some rescheduling of projects had been necessary to accommodate availability. For example, the O'Brien Park Restroom project and Chandler Park Bathhouse project will not begin until after completion of the summer programs at those Parks. Crowe said that the playground contractor is installing playground surface at Chandler Park, O'Brien Park, and Haikey Creek Park. Board expressed pleasure with their product but concerns about the length of time to complete installation. Crowe advised the Sports Lighting package will be advertised for bids this month. Once schedules for road construction are finalized, the County and/or Matrix will notify the public by utilizing flashing roadway signs, sending press releases, and placing notices in ODOT's/City of Tulsa's Roadway Construction Section of The Tulsa World. Crowe reported the design period for Expo Building improvements has been extended until April 2002. Jordan stated that he is working with contractors to explore setting up a snagging contract in a way that would allow for yearlong use on an as needed basis. Board discussed the possibility of a May/June mailing for the