

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD,  
CITY OF PALESTINE, ON TUESDAY, March 02, 2010.

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF ANDERSON       §  
CITY OF PALESTINE           §

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a meeting on Tuesday, March 02, 2010, at 12 p.m., at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street with the following Board members present:

JOHN B. MCDONALD	CHAIRPERSON
JOE BILL COCHRAN	BOARD MEMBER
THELMA C. HOLLAND	BOARD MEMBER
SUE HAMMETT	BOARD MEMBER
HOWARD PIQUET	BOARD MEMBER

Also in attendance were:

ROY CROUCH	FACILITY MTC. SUPERINTENDENT
KRISTEN BROOKS	PALESTINE VISITOR CENTER
ANNE COLEMAN	VETERANS HISTORIC EDUCATION CENTER

Absent were:

CARLA CUBSTEAD	BOARD MEMBER
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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Parks Board Chairperson John McDonald made the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Joe Bill Cochran seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Anne Coleman with Veterans Historic Education Center gave a brief idea of the plan on moving the Veterans Park to a new location located next to the KC Hall on Palestine Ave and the old park plot would be donated to the City of Palestine. The location will benefit the visitors of the park in many ways. They can hold ceremonies and not be interrupted by the train noise, not as much traffic and the ground is raised about 15ft above the road level. She said at the park located on Spring Street is in terrible shape, Some of the brick are damaged due to mowing, vandalism, mildew, bricks discoloring due to the sun and

from the dirt moving causing the bricks to shift and crack. McDonald told her she has more work to do before the project would be able to be completed. He told her she needs to get the citizens of Anderson County involved for donations that the park has possibilities and the board supports the project 100% but would not vote on way or another.

Roy told the Board that the City of Palestine now owns the Palestine Mall and it is placed under the Community Service Division. He gave a brief layout of the plan for the building and told the members the Library will be located in the old goody's Store and the 7 vacant stores to the left are also in the plan to be a part of the Library. The old Blue Cross Blue Shield building will be used for TVCC/TSTC college campus and the remaining vacant stores will be used for retail and at this time the custodian for the Library is maintaining the needs of the Palestine Mall until further notice.

### ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Thelma and seconded by Sue. Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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John B. McDonald  
Chairperson – Park Advisory Board

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Kristen Brooks  
Palestine Visitor Center