

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 13, 2018 DUNCANVILLE CITY HALL – BRIEFING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan, Chair
Reginald Hurd, Vice-Chair
Ed Priest – term ended
Leo Bell, Jr.
Don Johnson
Eugenia Rodgers

Guests included; Patricia Ebert, Citizen.

Bart Stevenson, Staff Liaison and Director of Parks and Recreation, Timothy Hamilton, Parks Superintendent, and Kristin Downs, Recording Secretary were city staff members in attendance.

Chair McLachlan noted that there was a quorum present and began the public meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Item #1 – Public Discussion Period:

No one commented.

Item #2 – Discuss and Consider Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hurd; seconded by Member Bell to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting, passing 5-0 in favor.

Item #3 – Board Member Announcements:

No one commented.

Item #4 – Staff Reports:

- A. Police/Park Ranger Report** – No discussion took place.
- B. Recent and Upcoming Events and Programs** – Director Stevenson stated summer camp at the Recreation Center and Fieldhouse has come to an end. Planning for the September Concert Series is in full effect. Board Member Rodgers questioned if there was an increase in summer campers this year. Director Stevenson stated a decrease in number of campers however, the daily attendance increased.
- C. FY18 Innovation Fund Projects** – Director Stevenson stated they have received the final quotes for the basketball courts. Parks Superintendent Hamilton stated there would be some subsurface repairs to be done then a fresh overlay will be laid. Vice-Chair Hurd commented on future innovation fund or bond projects, he would like to see the possibility of a parking garage at the Fieldhouse. Director Stevenson stated the new name for the "Innovation Fund" is now the "One Time Project Fund" and a parking garage at the Fieldhouse would be a great asset.

Item #5 – Discuss and provide Staff direction regarding the rental policy at the D.L. Hopkins Jr. Senior Center and Recreation Center:

Director Stevenson discussed the current policy and why the committee was formed. The committee compared recurring rental policies to the following surrounding cities; Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Dallas and Fort Worth. The board recommended to discontinue recurring rentals for the Recreation Center and Senior Center. A grace period will be allowed with a letter of agreement. Director Stevenson stated he would speak with the City Attorney and take the item to City Council. A new rental agreement will not

go into effect until next year. Board Member Bell would like to see the rental rates increased due to all the improvements that have been made to the Senior Center.

Item #6 – Receive Report from Board Chair Sandy McLachlan and Staff Regarding the Citizen Bond Advisory Committee:

Board Chair McLachlan provided an overview of the bond process and councils recommendation to change the bond total to \$20,090,890.00 adding trails and a bridge at Harrington Park. Parks Superintendent Hamilton stated any projects eligible in the Master Plan will be accessed for grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife to help stretch bond dollars. Director Stevenson stated Kidsville, a Splashpad, and trails are all viable for grants and funding. Member Bell questioned the process of applying for grants; during design or during construction? Director Stevenson stated during planning or during design, some project may need to be pushed back to get the grant process started. Building before you apply for a grant could result in no longer being eligible to receive funds.

Item #7 – Discuss the Possibility of Wifi in Armstrong and Harrington Parks:

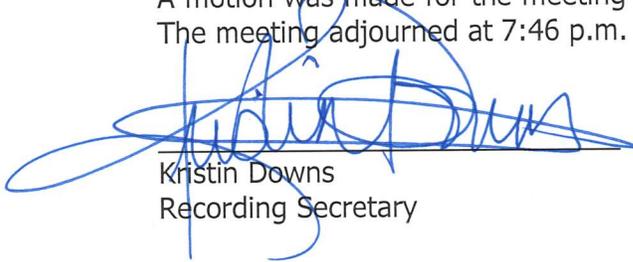
Board Member Bell stated the priority for Duncanville ISD to provide wifi in the parks has changed. The priority is to find money on their bandwidth. Director Stevenson discussed the City of DeSoto's Parks and Recreation department wifi program provided by Charter Spectrum cable. Charter Spectrum customers receive free Wi-Fi, non-customers are provided with free wifi for an hour a day. Citizen Patricia Ebert commented on what an asset it would be to provide wifi in the parks for the citizens of Duncanville and would like the Parks and Recreation department to explore this option more.

Item #8 – Discuss the viability of a youth football league in Duncanville:

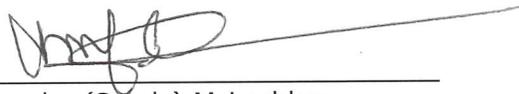
Discussion took place on how to bring Duncanville youth football leagues to the City. Currently the fields and space that are available cannot accommodate soccer, baseball, softball, and football. Due to overcrowding and the maintenance of the fields. A partnership with Duncanville ISD will need to take place to have a youth football league. Duncanville ISD has the football fields currently available.

Item #7 – Adjourn Regular Meeting:

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Board Member Bell; seconded by Vice Chair Hurd. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Kristin Downs
Recording Secretary



Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan
Chair