

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – APRIL 08, 2019
CITY HALL – BRIEFING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan, Chair
Reginald Hurd, Vice-Chair
Leo Bell, Jr.
Pamela Rogers
Beth Farrell
Ed Priest

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Don Johnson

Bart Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Angie Martinez, Recording Secretary, and Officer Kamecha Johnston, Police Department were staff members present.

Guest included Ed Purcell, former mayor.

Chair Alexander 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 Reginald Hurd; seconded by Board Member Leo Bell, Jr. to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting with corrections, passing 6-0 in favor.

Item #3 – Board Member Announcements:

Chair Alexander McLachlan thanked the City staff for arranging the tour of Virginia Weaver Park, and the splashpad at Hillside Village in Cedar Hill, TX. Chair McLachlan commented that he really liked the separation of playgrounds for small kids and big kids at Virginia Weaver Park.

Board Member Ed Priest apologized for being absent in February and March 2019. He commented that he was not available due to medical procedures.

Item #4 – Staff Reports:

A. Police/Park Ranger Report – Officer Johnston was present from the Police Department to give a report. Officer Johnston reported the following data for the month of March 2019:

- o 152 Directed Patrols
- o 7 Suspicious Activities
- o 2 City Ordinance Violations
- o 2 Community Action Requests
- o 2 Field Investigations
- o 3 Citations

B. Recent and Upcoming Events and Programs – Director Stevenson reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day Commemoration to be held at Memorial Park on May 27, 2019.

- C. **Bond Project Schedule Update** – Director Stevenson did not have a schedule update this month but will for the May 2019 meeting. He also stated that at this time the bond proposal is scheduled to be presented to City Council on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Chair McLachlan recommended that all board members be present at next week's City Council meeting.

- D. **IT Project for Wi-Fi in Parks** – Director Stevenson commented that after speaking with IT Director Tracy Beekman it was explained to him that at this time only Charter Communications users have unlimited access to Wi-Fi at the parks; nonusers are limited to one hour of Wi-Fi at the parks.

Board Member Leo Bell commented that the new DISD building on Main St. took priority over free Wi-Fi at the parks and will not be available at the expense of the school district.

- E. **Pickleball at the Recreation Center** – A motion was made by Board Member Leo Bell; seconded by Board Member Beth Farrell for a one-day trial of pickleball at the recreation center, passing 6-0 in favor.

Director Stevenson recommended for the board to get in contact with Recreation Coordinator Anthony Quinonez to set up a trial date for pickleball.

Item #5 – Consider a Proposed Plaque for Memorial Park by Ed Purcell:

Director Stevenson expressed his concerns on the age accuracy of the plaque. He also commented that Mr. Servil did in fact serve in the military but his cause of death was not due to war.

Chair Alexander McLachlan questioned the per capita number would like to see proof.

Mr. Purcell began discussion but was advised by Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd that the public discussion period had passed.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd also questioned the per capita number and suggested that Mr. Servil's name not be added to the plaque.

Board Member Leo Bell commented that from previous experience only wounded veterans or service connected to injuries are honored.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd and Board Member Pamela Rogers agreed that out of respect, it would be appropriate to have a generic plaque in honor of all who have served from Duncanville, Texas.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd; seconded by Board Member Leo Bell to reject the language proposal for the plaque, passing 6-0 in favor.

Board Member Pamela Rogers questioned if there was a need for a new plaque and to consider improvements to Memorial Park, to include new benches.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd amended the previous motion; seconded by Board Member Ed Priest to consider improvements to current plaque, passing 6-0 in favor.

The previous amended motion was withdrawn.

A second amended motion was made by Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd; seconded by Board Member Pamela Rogers to allow the new benches with memorial plaque to suffice, passing 6-0 in favor.

Item #6 – Consider Appointing a Park Board Member to the Park Planning Services Review Committee to Select a Consultant for Harrington Park Bond Improvements:

Director Stevenson asked the board to consider appointing a member to the park planning services review committee. This committee will select a consultant for the Harrington Park bond improvements.

The board agreed that Board Member Pamela Rogers would be the best candidate to serve on the committee.

Director Stevenson provided Board Member Pamela Rogers a copy of the packets for all consultant candidates.

Item #7 – Discuss the City's Master Fee Schedule for Parks and Recreation:

Director Stevenson explained the fee schedule process to the board and asked for input. He commented that it would also be discussed in the May meeting. He explained that any changes made to the fee schedule will go into effect October 1, 2019 (FY 2020).

Board Member Pamela Rogers commented that there has not been an increase for facilities since FY 2018.

Board Member Leo Bell commented that after new updates were done at the senior center, and more programming was added it would only be realistic to raise the fee by 10%, and as high as 15%.

Board Member Ed Priest expressed his concern that the citizens may not agree with the increase due to the bond election.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd suggested to wait for the May meeting to take action.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed to table the discussion and any action until next meeting.

Item #8 – Discuss the Park Naming Policy:

Board Member Leo Bell proposed to name the parking lot at Rotary Park to Boyd-Weaver Parking Lot. The parking lot would be named in honor of Cliff Boyd, and Kenneth & Pat Weaver for their long history of giving back to the community.

Chair Alexander McLachlan commented that additional information will need to be provided to the board as to why these citizens were chosen over others.

Director Stevenson commented no parking lot in the city of Duncanville has been named, but that the City Council will ultimately make that decision.

Board Member Pamela Rogers suggested to consider adding a post with a plaque with their names.

A motion was made by Board Member Pamela Rogers; seconded by Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd to add a visible plaque or signage honoring the Boyd's and Weaver's, passing 4 for, and 1 against (Ed Priest).

Item #9 – Adjourn Regular Meeting:

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Board Member Ed Priest; seconded by Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Angie Martinez
Recording Secretary



Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan
Chair