

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2019

D.L. HOPKINS SENIOR CENTER – NORTHSIDE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Guest present – Elaine Bell

Bart Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Timothy Hamilton, Park Superintendent, Noel Garcia, Interim Recreation Superintendent, and Angie Martinez, Executive Assistant were staff members present.

Chair Alexander McLachlan noted that there was a quorum present and began the public meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Item #1 – Public Discussion Period:

No comment.

Item #2 – Discuss and approve minutes:

A motion was made by Board Member Ed Priest; seconded by Board Member Leo Bell, Jr. to approve the minutes from the April 08, 2019 Regular Meeting with corrections, passing 7-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Board Member Leo Bell, Jr.; seconded by Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2019 Regular Meeting with corrections, passing 7-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Board Member Don Johnson; seconded by Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd to approve the minutes from the July 08, 2019 Regular Meeting with corrections, passing 7-0 in favor.

Item #3 – Board Member Announcements:

Chair Alexander McLachlan thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory board for their attendance at the joint meeting with City Council.

Board Member Don Johnson commented that he won a bicycle at a silent auction, the bicycle was sponsored and wrapped with Regions Bank logo. He went on to say that it was a great marketing piece from Regions Bank and that the Parks department should look into something similar like it.

Board Member Pamela Rogers inquired if Lakeside pavilions can be rented. Parks Superintendent Timothy Hamilton commented that yes, a reservation is required to guarantee the spot. He went on to

say that if there are no reservations on the day of the event, it then becomes first come, first serve basis. Board Member Rogers also inquired if tents are allowed for birthday parties; Parks Superintendent Hamilton commented that tents are allowed but only if they are temporary pop up tents.

Item #4 – Staff Reports:

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

- 137 – Directed Patrol
- 13 – Calls for Service
- 3 – Suspicious Activities
- 1 – City Ordinance Violations
- 7 – Traffic Stops
- 3 – Citations
- 3 – Arrests
- 1 – Disorderly Conduct Report

Board Member Pamela Rogers commented that the shoes that hung from the power line have been removed. Board Member Rogers thanked the staff.

Chair Alexander McLachlan inquired about a previous concern brought to the board, the injured ducks at Lakeside Park. Parks Superintendent Timothy Hamilton notified the board that the animal control department was able to capture one of the ducks.

Office K. Johnston commented that people have been filming at Lakeside Park, but no violations have resulted from it.

B. **Recent and Upcoming Events and Programs** - Director Bart Stevenson commented that summer programming has come to end at the Duncanville Fieldhouse but the before and after school programming will begin Monday, August 19, 2019.

Director Bart Stevenson introduced the new Interim Recreation Superintendent, Noel Garcia. Mr. Garcia is currently the D.L. Hopkins Senior Center Supervisor.

Interim Recreation Superintendent Noel Garcia commented on the changes happening and of all the upcoming activities at the Recreation Center.

- Hispanic Heritage Month Concert Series
 - Mango Punch – September 14 from 6p – 9p
 - Jack Mason – September 28 from 6p – 9p
- Boo Bash – Friday, October 25 from 6:30p – 9:30p
- Christmas Tree and Lighting – Friday, December 6 from 7p – 10p

- C. **Bond Project Schedule Update** - Construction has been delayed until late Fall 2019 / early Winter 2020. The kick-off meeting with the consultant for the concession stand is scheduled for September 4, 2019. The neighborhood park community meetings will be scheduled to begin September 2019.
- D. **FY20 Budget Process** – The City Council workshop was a success. Two of the items approved for the upcoming fiscal year was the LED lighting at the Amphitheater, and a new Christmas tree at Memorial Park.

Item #5 – Consider Authorizing the Board Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for a Grant Through the Safe Routes School Program:

A motion was made to authorize Chair Alexander McLachlan to sign a letter of support for a grant through the Safe Routes School Program. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

Item #6 – Discuss Scheduling Community Input Meetings for Individual Park Master Plans:

The Park Board agreed to meet at a different community park on each Monday in September.

- Pyburn Park - Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30p
- Quail Run Park – Monday, Sept. 16 at 6:30p
- Waterview Park – Monday, Sept. 23 at 6:30p
- Chris Paris Park – Monday, Sept. 30 at 6:30p

Item #7 – Discuss and Provide Recommendations for any Changes to the Local Bike Plan and Prioritizing of Trail Projects:

Board Member Beth Farrell recommended to begin at Cedar Hill Road to Santa Fe Trail.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd suggested to begin at Greenstone Lane to Daniieldale Road, then to Mountain Creek Pkwy. This route will connect to the City of Dallas.

Director Bart Stevenson commented that connecting cities will give the City a better chance at receiving grants.

Board Member Ed Priest suggested to invite Dr. Mike Miner to the next board meeting to further discuss the bike trails.

Item #8 – Adjourn Regular Meeting:

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Board Member Ed Priest; seconded by Board Member Leo Bell, Jr. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Angie Martinez
Recording Secretary



Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan
Chair