

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2019

CITY HALL – BRIEFING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reginald Hurd, Vice-Chair
Leo Bell, Jr.
Ed Priest
Pamela Rogers
Don Johnson
Beth Farrell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan, Chair

Dr. Mike Miner and Patricia Ebert were guests present.

Timothy Hamilton, Park Superintendent, Noel Garcia, Recreation Superintendent, Officer Kamecha Johnston, Police Department, and Angie Martinez, Executive Assistant were staff members present.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd noted that there was a quorum present and began the public meeting at 6:30 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 to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting with corrections, passing 6-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Board Member Ed Priest; seconded by Board Member Leo Bell to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting, passing 6-0 in favor.

Item #3 – Board Member Announcements:

Board Member Leo Bell reminded the Park Board that the Recreation Center is still taking candy donations for this year's Boo Bash celebration. He also reminded the Park Board of the upcoming traffic control box unveiling on October 18 at the intersection of Center St. at Cedar Ridge Rd. He went on to comment that the mural at Daniieldale at Cockrell Hill is coming along very well.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd notified the Park Board that Red Bird Park was vandalized over the weekend, but that the Police Department had been made aware of the incident.

Item #4 – Staff Reports:

- A. Police/Park Ranger Report** – Officer Johnston was present from the Police Department to give a report. She also commented that effective January 2020 she will return to patrol and will no longer serve as the Park Ranger. Officer Johnston reported the following data for the month of September 2019:

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

B. Recent and Upcoming Events and Programs – Parks Superintendent Timothy Hamilton commented on all the upcoming activities at the Recreation Center:

- Kidsville/Splashpad Community Meeting – Thursday, October 17 at 6:30p
- Boo Bash – Friday, October 25 from 6:30p – 9:30p
- Arbor Day Celebration – Friday, November 2 from 9a – 11a
- Christmas Tree and Lighting – Friday, December 6 from 7p – 10p
- Recreation Center Membership Drive

C. Bond Project Schedule Update – Rotary Park is now complete. Staff met with Dunkin Sims in regards to the Harrington concessions and bridge. Dunaway Associates will present the schematic design for Armstrong Park on Oct. 17 at the Kidsville/Splashpad Community Meeting.

D. Board Elections – Postponed until November regular meeting.

Item #5 – Receive a Presentation from Dr. Mike Miner and Discuss a Possible Pavilion at Rotary Park:

Dr. Mike Miner, president of the Rotary Club, gave a presentation for a possible pavilion at Rotary Park. He indicated that the design of the new pavilion would be like that at Red Bird Park, with electricity. The pavilion would include handicap accessible tables, 4 grills, and a water fountain, with a possible bathroom added at a later date. He proposed a completion date for the pavilion of Spring 2020.

Board Member Pamela Rogers thanked Dr. Miner for his commitment on this project. Board Members Don Johnson and Leo Bell expressed their support for this project.

The Park Board requested to meet again with Dr. Miner in January 2020.

Item #6 – Discuss the Local Bike Plan and Opportunities for On-street Bike Lanes:

Board Member Beth Farrell discussed three different starts of the local bike plan and opportunities: the first to begin at Hill City Dr. to Center St., onto S. Santa Fe Trail to W. Daniieldale Rd. The second to begin at Hill City Dr. to Middale, onto N. Greenstone Ln. to Daniieldale Rd. The third to begin at Hill City Dr. to Center St., onto S. Santa Fe Trail, then to Big Stone Gap.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd commended Board Member Beth Farrell for her commitment to the project, and for recruiting residents from the community to join the Bike Plan Committee.

The Park Board will review proposed routes and further discuss at November's regular meeting.

Item #7 – Discuss Opportunities for a Temporary Dog Park:

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd discussed an opportunity for a temporary dog park at Red Bird Park. He reminded the Park Board of the amenities that Red Bird Park already has, such as a doggie bowl, walking trail, and ample parking.

Board Members Ed Priest, Leo Bell, and Don Johnson agreed and suggested to move forward to consider a temporary dog park at Red Bird Park.

Item #8 – Discuss Existing Park Hours:

Park Superintendent Timothy Hamilton commented that at the request of the City Manager, a discussion to shorten park hours be considered.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd recommended to create a committee that will gather information from park users at different parks and come up with a recommendation.

Board Members Ed Priest, Leo Bell, and Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd volunteered to be on the committee.

Item #9 – Discuss Feedback from the Neighborhood Park Community Input Meetings:

Board Member Johnson commented that he was only able to attend one community meeting but was happy about the outcome at Pyburn Park.

Board Member Ed Priest also commented on the overall success of the meetings.

Board Member Pamela Rogers suggested that the Park Board compile all notes and come up with a plan to take action from the information gathered from the residents.

Board Member Leo Bell commented that safety, more lighting, and exercise equipment at the parks were top three requests.

Board Member Beth Farrell also commented that lighting, safety, and walking trails are common amenities at the most visited parks.

Vice-Chair Reginald Hurd commented that residents showed appreciation for the meetings. Vice-Chair Hurd also thanked the staff for all their effort in coordinating the meetings.

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Board Member Ed Priest; seconded by Board Member Beth Farrell. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Angie Martinez

Recording Secretary



Reginald Hurd

Vice-Chair