

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 10, 2020

CITY HALL - BRIEFING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan, Chair
Pamela Rogers, Vice-Chair
Ed Priest
Reginald Hurd
Don Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Beth Farrell

Bart Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director, Timothy Hamilton, Parks Superintendent, Noel Garcia, 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 6:33 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 Reginald Hurd to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2020 regular meeting, passing 5-0 in favor.

Item #3 - Board Member Announcements:

Board Member Reginald Hurd thanked everyone for their participation in the convoy to celebrate the City Manager's retirement.

Chair Alexander McLachlan, Board Members and staff thanked Board Member Ed Priest for his service and contributions to the Park Board.

Item #4 – Staff Reports:

- A. Police/Park Ranger Report** – Director Bart Stevenson commented that the Duncanville Police Department continues to lose officers to other agencies but that there is an upcoming Police recruitment test coming up in the next few weeks. The Park Ranger position will remain on hold until more staff comes onboard.
- B. Recent and Upcoming Events and Programs** – Director Bart Stevenson commented that due to COVID-19 many events have been cancelled and that the Senior Center remains closed.

Recreation Superintendent Noel Garcia shared with the Park Board all upcoming events for Fall 2020 to include Movies in the Park or possibly Drive-In Movies, Fall Bazaar and the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. Boo Bash has been cancelled. Superintendent Garcia went on to comment that new events and classes are tentative due to COVID-19.

Board Member Reginald Hurd recommended to use this time for virtual programming.

C. Bond Project Schedule Update –

Armstrong Park – Director Bart Stevenson commented that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will take their recommendations regarding the grant at their August 27, 2020 meeting. Director Stevenson went on to comment that the staff report and agenda is usually published ahead of time and hopefully we will know before the meeting. Dunaway is currently making modifications to stay withing the budget.

Harrington Park – Due to the redesigning to provide alternative designs, the project has been delayed.

Citywide Trails – The estimated project completion is by the end of calendar year 2020.

Lakeside Park – The estimated completion for the new parking lot is by end of August 2020. This project will be in-house by the Public Works Department.

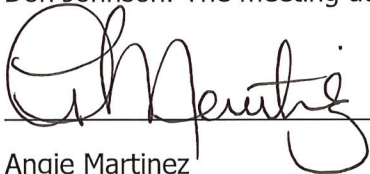
Pyburn Park – Equipment has been ordered for the one-time project at Pyburn Park.

Item #5 – Receive an Update from Staff Regarding Revenue Tracking at the Recreation Center:

Recreation Superintendent provided an update regarding revenue tracking at the Recreation Center. He noted that due to closures at other surrounding cities due to COVID-19 the Duncanville Recreation Center has seen an increase in memberships and day pass purchases.

Board Member Reginald Hurd encouraged staff to continue to set higher goals and to continue to expand programming.

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Board Member Ed Priest; seconded by Board Member Don Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Angie Martinez

Recording Secretary



Alexander (Sandy) McLachlan

Chair