



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 13th, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

***Wet Zone Water Park***  
**5304 Main Street, \* Rowlett, Texas 75088**

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**PRESENT:** Lonnie Cornwell, Ken Romaine, Ronald Miller, Matt Grubisich, John Macatee, Debby Bobbitt, Rhetta Bowers

**ABSENT:** Wayne Baxter, Dr. Sharon Starks

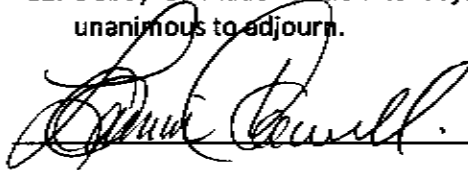
**STAFF:** Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant for Parks & Recreation


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1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Matt G. motioned to approve minutes from the June 8th, 2011 meeting. Debby B. seconded motion, 5-0 in approval.
4. Mr. Gottel was unable to attend meeting.
5. Mr. Henry Parker with Schrikel, Rollins, and Associates presented to the Parks Board a proposal for the Katy Railroad Park design and master plan (design layout). The Board discussed with Mr. Parker the layout and asked questions. Debby B. motioned to approve the layout and master plan to be presented to City Council for approval. Rhetta B. seconded motion, 5-0 in favor.
6. Jermel updated the board on the Scenic Point Park design team interviews.
  - a. Jermel stated that they have picked 5 firms out of 13 and they have been interviewing them each day at 7:00 am at the park. There are two firms that are tied to take the project at this moment; however, the decision will come soon.
7. PGBT celebration's core group is starting to come up with the plan for the PGBT's celebration. The date of the celebration is to be determined in the near future. We will have a motorcycle rally, children's play area, concerts from the school bands, and fireworks. The event will be for one whole day. July 20<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled meeting.
8. Update on ELC from Lonnie Cornwell.
  - a. ELC property has been found to have some encumbrances from Dallas County GISD. Larry Glick is working to help clear the encumbrance and believes this can be accomplished but may take some time.
9. Jermel shared the Director's Report with the board.
  - a. The Dallas Mavericks Basketball Camp was at the RCC and there were over 90 participants that took part in the program. Wednesday the Mascots, Champs, and Mavs Man came to meet and greet the participants.



- b. The annual Father's Day Breakfast was held this past week and there were 37 in attendance.
  - c. The Parks Master Plan process continues. A launch of survey questions has been sent out. We will send this out again with a disclaimer regarding the email submittals. The e-mails are not attached to survey. So each survey is completely anonymous. We plan to bring a draft of the Master Plan to the August 2011 Parks Board meeting.
  - d. The Fireworks on Main event was held on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. We had crowds of 8500+ and have received many great comments from event participants. The fireworks and the featured band, Time Machine were very well received by the community. The business vendors and non-profit food vendors were thrilled with the community turnout and their marketing/fundraising experience. One citizen made the following comment: "Fantastic event and fireworks!! Thanks for having grand events where families can make memories." This is why we serve; improving the quality of life for the citizens of Rowlett.
  - e. Wet Zone Water Park held Pirate Play Day on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>! With over 800 people in attendance that day, staff conducted fun games and gave away snow cones as prizes to the winners.
10. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
- a. Play Day, July 30<sup>th</sup> @ Community Park 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
11. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matters have been properly placed on a posted agenda.
12. Debby B. made motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Matt G. seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

  
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Lonnie Cornwell, Vice Chairman

  
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Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director