



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 11th, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088
Room D

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Mike DeLatte, Brownie Sherrill, Matt Grubisich, Lonnie Cornwell, Ken Romaine, Debby Bobbitt, Ken Romaine, Rhetta Bowers, Rick Helpers, Tien Nguyen, Madeleine Palma

ABSENT: John Macatee, Paul Swearingen

VISTORS:

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

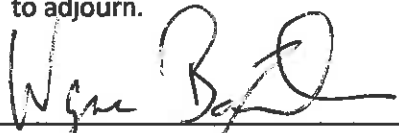
1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Quorum present.
3. Brownie motioned to approve minutes from the March 14th, 2012 meeting. Mike D. seconded motion, 7-0 in approval.
4. Update given on Scenic Point Park:
 - a. Jermel shared with the board updates on Scenic Point Park and asked for a couple of dates to put on the calendar for a joint meeting to be held with Keep Rowlett Beautiful/City Council/ and the Parks Advisory Board. This meeting will update each organization on the process of the master plan and all of other new developments with the planning of the park.
5. Update on Arbor Day Program, Matt Grubisich and Lonnie Cornwell.
 - a. Matt and Lonnie stated they have contacted Katie Rinz and she confirmed she will be able to attend Jack's tree memorial at Kenwood Heights Park. Matt confirmed the delivery of the tree for the planting ceremony.
6. Update on Realize Rowlett 2020, Matt Grubisich.
 - a. Matt G. gave the board an update on Realize Rowlett 2020. May 21st we will have another meeting and we will discuss the outcome of the last two meetings. Downtown Plano built multi-use and they sat for a while but now you cannot get into this because it has taken off. If anyone has any concerns you would like to address or come from this board please give me the questions and I will ask them at the meetings.
 - b. Rhetta shared they are pushing to have more housing, such as mixed residential. Rhetta shared she would like to get emails about these meetings. The Mayor invited me to stay at the meeting while I was out on an errand and I would like to know it is advertised. Can they send us notice of these meetings?



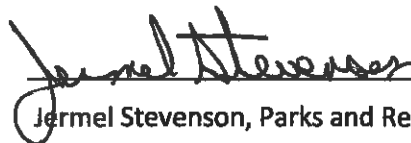
- c. Lonnie shared there was a lot of concern about multi-family housing, but if it done well, it will stay that way. You have the young people that are getting out of school and starting careers and if they want to work in Rowlett you either have to be a homeowner or settle for an apartment that is not quite for you like. Seniors also have a need for condominiums.
7. Update on Dog Park:
- a. Wayne shared he went to Pet Smart and talked to the manager about 3 weeks ago. He informed me a few days ago that none of his employees are interested in sitting on our committee. This is great exposure for them, and I will have another visit with him.
 - b. Wayne shared that everything is in order and moving along very well with the dog park.
8. Jermel gave an update on the Accreditation Process:
- a. Jermel shared with the Board about the Kick-off Party coming up on Friday, April 21st and the board is invited to attend for those that can. We have invited the City Manager to speak, and the City of Coppell, their Director and Assistant Director. They recently received accreditation and they are going to talk about what this has done for their department. We made a cool flyer and it's at 11:00 am, we have food and we will give out shirts. There will be a representative from each department throughout the city. This is the beginning process of putting the pieces of the puzzle. It's mostly internal, but we the board may be involved in the process at different intervals of the process.
9. Jermel gave Director's Report:
- a. The seniors had a bus trip to Choctaw Casino on Wednesday, March 21st, 2012. The trip was full with 57 seniors in attendance.
 - b. On Saturday, April 7th, Parks and Recreation staff teamed with a local Boy Scout troop to repaint the iron fence at the Wet Zone Water Park. The Boy Scout troop wire brushed the fence and then repainted. Staff designated areas of the fence based on priority to be painted since it was a one day project for the troop.
 - c. We are partnering with Dave Holl and Kayak Instruction Inc., at Paddle Point Park. We have installed a storage building/pod for the kayak group to store boats and increase participation in programs and activities at Lake Ray Hubbard.
 - d. On Wednesday, April 4th, the City of Rowlett EMS scheduled an ambulance and a couple of EMTs to attend the While You Wait program and visit with the kids that are participating. Approximately 36 kids listened to the crew speak and then about 25 went over and crawled around inside the ambulance. Going forward the Recreation Programmer is scheduling one guest speaker per week for the While You Wait program!
 - e. On Saturday, March 31st, our parks staff partnered with the Rowlett Leadership Group L-21 to complete a service project. Our contact, Officer Leroy Brantley and his group completed some plan bed renovations at the Dalrock and Princeton Road intersection.
 - f. The Easter Egg Hunt was held in downtown Rowlett and Saturday, March 31st from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Several troops of Rowlett Boy Scouts helped distribute 20,000 eggs. There were also fun activities for the kids, vendor booths, and pictures with the Easter Bunny, Bounce Houses, and a DJ to keep the action moving along.



- g. Easter Pup-a-palooza was held at Herfurth Park on Sunday, April 1st, 2012 from 2:00 pm -4:00 pm. Fields #1 and #2 were transformed into off leash dog areas – one for Big Pups and one for Lil Pups. Contests were held for best bonnet and pictures were taken with the Easter Bunny!
- 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. Senior Health Fair on Saturday, April 14th.
 - b. Kid Fish on Saturday, April 21st.
 - c. Diversity Day on Saturday, April 28th.
 - d. Walk to London on Saturday, May 5th.
 - e. Electronic Recycling Event, Home Depot Parking Lot, 9-1 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.
 - a. Discuss the Touch-A-Truck event.
 - b. June meeting at Wet Zone; invite Parks Maintenance employees.
- 12. Debby B. motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Rhett B. seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.



Wayne Baxter, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director