

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 9, 2016 7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Alan Hogan, Maria Dellaplain, Bernadette Hagmeier, Lonnie Cornwell, Mike DeLatte, Matt Grubisich, Dolores Henning, Blake Margolis, Kimberli Martinez, Ken Romaine, E.C.

Umberger III

ABSENT: Gregory Craig, Jeffery Grav

VISTORS:

Bruce Hargrave, City Council liaison; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela STAFF:

Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation; Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Business

Manager; Ricky Harris, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager

- 1. Chairman E.C. Umberger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Quorum present.
- 3. Consider action to approve minutes from October 12, 2016 and November 5, 2016.
  - a. Mike DeLatte motioned to approve the October 12, 2016 minutes with corrections.
  - b. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion. Approved 8 - 0.
  - c. Dolores Henning motioned to approve the November 5, 2016 minutes as written.
  - d. M. DeLatte seconded the motion. Approved 8 - 0.
- 4. Update on Environmental Learning Center.
  - a. On November 8, 2016 City Council approved relocating the Dan Robert's Learning Center back to the location of 6301 Chiesa from Scenic Point Park.
  - b. On November 8, 2016 City Council approved for the City of Rowlett to pursue full ownership of the property located at 6301 Chiesa.
  - c. At a later date the Parks and Recreation Department will present an outline of the potential partnership with Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) to develop an official Environmental Learning Center (ELC) facility. This partnership will defer development of the ELC to KRB and the facility will then be donated to the City of Rowlett.
- 5. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board special meeting follow up.
  - a. Identified goals were reviewed but it was decided strategies to accomplish these goals will need to be further discussed. These will be placed on future agendas such as two goals per a meeting.
  - b. Questions asked and answers provided revolved around the goals.
- 6. Main Street Fest Update
  - a. This event will be held December 3, 2016 from 3:00pm 7:00pm at Pecan Grove Park.
  - b. This year the event will look different than previous years and will look different over the next five years.
  - c. The event will include Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, carolers, Lakeshore Symphonic Winds,



- e. Camp Fear was held October 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> at Pecan Grove Park. There were approximately 38 families who attended.
- f. Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held November 11, 2016 in front of the Rowlett Community Centre at 11:00am.
- g. Permission is needed from the City to use the Rowlett logo on advertising and/or promotional materials, shirts, etc.
- h. Parks Crew Leader Jonathan Ferguson partnered with Beaver Technology Center, an elementary school in Garland ISD, to host 120 fifth graders at Rowlett's Springfield Park. Jonathan showed them signs of erosion and answered questions about the effects of weathering and erosion at Springfield Park as well as in the park system in general. The students used this educational experience with us to develop and film a newscast as part of their project.
- 12. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff.
  - a. Light of Rowlett watch for information on the city website.
  - b. L. Cornwell mentioned there will be "yard of the month" and "eco-yard" twice a year. Partnership between KRB and City of Rowlett.
  - c. Dolores Henning
- 13. Members of the Board requested topics for future agenda meetings.
  - a. Kids Kingdom discussion
  - b. Strategies for goals: Help market parks and recreation through board involvement, and Support CIP/Bond projects and increase member involvement.

## 14. Adjournment

- a. M. Grubisich motioned to adjourn 8:23 pm.
- b. M. DeLatte seconded motion.
- c. Approved 8 0.

E.C. Umberger, Chairman

Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation