



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 12, 2017
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Alan Hogan, Lonnie Cornwell, Mike DeLatte, Maria Dellaplain, Gregory Craig, Bernadette Hagmeier, Dolores Henning, Blake Margolis, E.C. Umberger III, Nancy Develde, Ken Romaine

ABSENT: Matt Grubisich

VISTORS:

STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation

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1. Chairman E.C. Umberger called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
 2. Quorum present.
 3. Consider action to approve minutes from June 14, 2017.
 - A. Mike DeLatte made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Dolores Henning seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 8 - 0.
 4. Tree Sub-Committee update.
 - A. Lonnie Cornwell reported the first meeting was held today and future monthly meetings will occur prior to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Committee members consist of L. Cornwell, Gregory Craig, Alan Hogan, Matt Grubisich and the city staff involved are Angela Smith and Ricky Harris.
 - B. Members identified they need to formally establish a purpose for the committee which will include educating others on urban forestry and assist with maintaining a Tree City USA status. City ordinances related to trees will also be reviewed.
 - C. Texas Tree Foundation information will be reviewed by committee members. Members want to consider ways to identify the historical trees located throughout the city.
 5. Share Ideas for engaging teenagers
 - A. Possible ways to better engage youth approximately ages 13 to 18 was discussed. It was noted engaging youth is not a unique problem for Rowlett. The department will look at developing another teen advisory board in the Fall.
 - B. A few suggestions mentioned are listed below.
 - 1) Hold events with diverse activities
 - 2) Robotics
 - 3) Partner with an organized outdoor group to help with specific activities in available open space areas.
 - 4) Develop a park for older youth activities such as paintball, skate boarding, obstacle course, zip line.
 - 5) Contact Game Master in Rowlett who deals with video games and equipment as



- well as tabletop and trading games.
- 6) Start a drone club.
- C. A. Smith will present these ideas to the department staff and further explore.
6. Recap of the joint meeting with City Council held July 11, 2017.
- A. Most board members were present for the presentation.
- B. There were suggestions from City Council as well as questions from them on a dog park, a skate park and a community garden. The Master Plan appeared to be a topic of interest as far as what features will be included in this plan.
7. Paddle Point and Lakeside CIP projects.
- A. Smith shared the following update on these projects: 1) New signage is complete; 2) Bids are being gathered for playground repairs; 3) Materials for the shoreline erosion protection will be purchased and stored until the work can begin. This is presently in the Engineering Design process; 4) A contracted landscape architect is working on the design for the restroom facilities, Paddle Point parking lot and the Miller Road Cross Walk.
8. No Public input and questions.
9. Update from City Council liaison, Bruce Hargrave.
Mr. Hargrave was unable to be present therefore no update.
10. Director's Report - Angela Smith
- A. On June 22, 2017 Wet Zone participated, for the first time, in the World's Largest Swim Lesson with over 120 participants. This free event is hosted all around the world at thousands of locations to teach basic water safety skills and to build awareness about the fundamental importance of teaching children to swim. July 15th is the second Flick n Float showing Finding Dory.
- B. The RCC renovations continue: Most of the floor has been laid and carpet in office spaces has been installed, exterior doors have been installed, cabinets installed in employee breakroom, majority of ceiling tiles are placed and deck work is almost complete.
- C. The Perot Museum provided a hands-on technology workshop at the RCC. A group of 147 children and their parents were taught about coding a robot, how to create a robot from junk and showed how to use electronic motors to make LEGOs move.
- D. Final ADA upgrades have been made to Kids Kingdom as requested as part of the TDLR inspection which included extending handrails and ADA compliant path from playground to pavilion. Question asked about the metal dish swing and any way to cover it because of the heat. A. Smith responded that options are being considered.
- E. Fireworks on Main was held July 4th with approximately 13,000 were in attendance. Special thanks expressed to those board members who volunteered to help with the event. The new outdoor laser tag was a huge hit with the crowd, as well as the large inflatable Foot Dart. L. Cornwell inquired about recycling possibly being done such as young person wearing a special t-shirt and walk around picking up plastic bottles, etc. EC Umberger questioned about having enough food vendors for the number of attendees and this was briefly discussed.




- F. Question asked in regards to Schrade Bluebonnet Park project and it was noted this project will begin soon.

- 11. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff were made.
 - A. August Summer Concert Series begins next month and the schedule is on the city website as well as the Department Facebook page.
 - B. The Amateur Community Theatre has a play beginning this weekend at Main Street Events in Rowlett.

- 12. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.
No topics requested.

- 13. Adjournment
 - A. Gregory Craig made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.
 - B. L. Cornwell seconded motion.
 - C. Approved 8 - 0.



E.C. Umberger, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation