



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 12 2018
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Donna Ferguson, Ken Romaine, Diana Moore, Gregory Craig, Mike DeLatte, Lonnie Cornwell, E.C. Umberger, Bernadette Hagmeier, Alan Hogan, Nancy DeVelde

ABSENT: Dolores Henning, Sean McGrew

VISTORS:

STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Richard Harris, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager; Angela Smith, Parks & Recreation Director

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1. Chairman EC Umberger called meeting to order at 7:00pm.
 2. Quorum present.
 3. Consider action to approve minutes from August 8, 2018.
 - A. Mike DeLatte moved to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Bernadette Hagmeier seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 8 - 0.
 4. Scentral Bark Buddies Update. (Donna Ferguson entered)
Donna Ferguson reported the splash event scheduled this Saturday is cancelled. Events revolved around Halloween and Thanksgiving are being considered.
 5. Urban Forestry Subcommittee Update.
Gregory Craig reported although board members were present for the meeting there was no representation from the Planning Department. Ricky Harris will contact Sam Lawrence and look to send an email to the board members with an update.
 6. Special Events Committee Update
 - A. Movies on Main began last Friday, and the two upcoming movies are for 9/14/2018 and 9/21/2018.
 - B. The International Festival will be held October 6, 2018 from 11:00am to 2:00pm located downtown. Looking for any diverse vendors or entertainment. Volunteers are needed.
 - C. Camp Fear is October 26, 2018 starting at 5:00pm through October 27, 2018 to 9:00am located at Pecan Grove Park. Volunteers are needed.
 - D. Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held November 10, 2018 at 11:00am located at Veterans Park.
 7. Results of the board's walk-through of Rowlett parks.
 - A. Angela Smith showed a presentation summarizing the results which included items that need improvement then identifying those items which are in the plans for improvement,



- and the positives about the parks visited. The results covered parks Nature Trail, Paddle Point, Pecan Grove, Kenwood Heights, Shorewood, Twin Star, Lakeside, Community, Isaac Scruggs, Lakes of Springfield, Katy Railroad and Veterans.
- B. Nancy DeVelde inquired about the redesign of Herfurth Park. Angela Smith answered that decisions are being made as to what this looks like because working on a field assessment. The park will look different in 24 months. When more information is obtained it will be shared with this board.
 - C. Mike DeLatte thanked members for participating and there are plans for this to be done once a year. By members taking the time to assess it helps with the improvement of the parks.
 - D. Alan Hogan encouraged members to go to Schrade Bluebonnet Park, especially at night. The art sculpture was described as beautiful. Ricky Harris added there is temporary irrigation and some permanent irrigation is being installed. Question asked about signage. Angela Smith responded there will eventually be signage, as well as a sign on the sculpture. On September 18, 2018 City Council will recognize those who gave their time and service for the construction and installation of the Spirit of Rowlett sculpture.
8. Update on Hwy 66 Green Ribbon project.
Angela Smith reported that the construction of Phase One is mostly complete. Phase II should begin in fall 2018 which will include additional landscaping and entry walls at each end of Rowlett along Hwy 66. Members were reminded that this is a TxDOT project on a TxDOT roadway, therefore if complaints are received, persons should contact TxDOT. TxDOT maintains these areas until August 25, 2019.
9. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis.
Blake Margolis was unable to be present, therefore no updates.
10. Director's Report
- A. Recognition of Ken Romaine for 11 years of service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with this being his last meeting as a board member.
 - B. Chair Volleyball is a new senior program held each week. Attendance has been good.
 - C. Thorlos Rowlett Rumble Fall Smash Pickleball Tournament will be held the first weekend of October.
 - D. New pads for the bleachers were added to Community Park.
 - E. A new program, The Writing Salon, starts September 18, 2018 for creative writers to gather and workshop ideas for journaling.
 - F. September is National Senior Center Month and although the RCC is not a "senior center" we will be supporting the National Council on Aging. Spirit week will take place the week of September 24, 2018.
 - G. The opening of Schrade Bluebonnet Park and the dedication of the Spirit of Rowlett Sculpture was held August 25, 2018.
 - H. The Summer Concert Series was held each Friday in August. Attendance at the events was great. The move of this event series downtown was a success.
 - I. Springfield Park playground is temporarily closed throughout the month of September while the playground is undergoing a new transformation.
 - J. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Boot Camp will be held on November 3, 2018.
 - K. Monday night there were several cars broken into at Community Park. Members should be aware to share with others while at the parks to lock doors and hide items away.



11. Public input and questions.
No input or questions.

12. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff were made.

- A. Angela Smith mentioned the dog shelter is almost full therefore pet adoption costs are presently \$25.
- B. EC Umberger reported he and Diana Moore finished up their term on the Strategic Plan Steering Committee and at the last meeting it was voted to send the proposed plan to City Council for a formal decision. This will occur on September 18, 2018. Ken Romaine added that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will be moving in this same direction.
- C. Ken Romaine shared this Saturday RC Club will have a swapping event.
- D. Angela Smith will be participating with the Trinity River Common Vision Steering Committee. There is a meeting tomorrow. The North Texas Council of Governments, an association that assists local governments located in Arlington, is involved with this process. Rowlett is looking to add launch points and a brief explanation of what this means for Parks and Recreation was given.
- E. Lonnie Cornwell stated the Electronics Disposal Document Shredding event will be held October 6, 2018 from 9am to 1pm in the Rowlett High School parking lot.
- F. Angela Smith reminded members if any board member is wanting to build a scarecrow for the Scarecrow on Main, registration is due.

13. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.

Angela Smith stated there may be a presentation from Arts & Humanities if there is further consideration of art at Veterans Park.

14. Lonnie Cornwell motioned to adjourn at 8:21pm

Ken Romaine seconded the motion.

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EC Umberger, Chairman

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Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation