



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Rowlett Community Centre, Room D

5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Lonnie Cornwell, Dolores Henning, Mike DeLatte, Donna Ferguson, E.C. Umberger, Anthony Scott, Robert Paroski, Alan Hogan

ABSENT: Bernadette Hagmeier, Diane Perkins

VISTORS: N/A

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

1. Chairman EC Umberger called meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve minutes from May 8, 2019.
 - A. Donna Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Dolores Henning seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
4. Fireworks on Main
Angela Smith introduced Adam Acoba, the new Parks and Recreation Special Events & Marketing Coordinator. Information on the shuttle routes, location, timeline, main entertainment, and features of the event were presented. Volunteers were requested for this event.
5. Finalize preparations for the joint meeting with City Council to be held July 2, 2019.
Angela Smith presented a final draft presentation covering information on this board, the accomplishments, plans, and future concerns. Shelly Monroe will send a reminder to members with the actual time of the joint meeting.
6. Update on the Eco-tourism events.
Star Gazing: The event was held May 31st and there were about 47 in attendance with approximately 50% being children. Factors to keep in mind for any future star gazing events is to hold the event in the Fall during daylight savings time. Cities of Garland and Rockwall have similar programs and board members suggested go to these programs to gain more insight of activities. Success was the interest of persons in astrology and the advertising was helpful.
7. Update on the development of a 501 c 3.
Mike DeLatte reported the filing is complete and Dolores Henning is the appointed secretary for Rowlett Partners Group. There is more filing to be submitted over the next couple weeks. Plans are to contact persons from Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Arts & Humanities and Senior Advisory Board to find out if the identified persons are still interested in being involved with this group. More information will be provided as things move forward.
8. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis.
 - A. Whitney Lanning won in the election runoff and will be the new council member for place 4.



- B. Citizen Police Academy is accepting applications. This is a 12-week course regarding all the Police Department operations.
- C. Community Development and Economic Development relocated to 5702 Rowlett Road. The old building will be renovated for multi-tenant retail shopping or restaurant center.
- D. Waterview Golf Course is closed for the summer due to green replacements and bunker renovations. The course is scheduled to be reopened in September.
- E. City of Rowlett participates in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In preparation for discussing allocation of funds for the next fiscal year, the City is hosting two public meetings to solicit input from residents regarding the proposed priorities, funding, projects and activities. The meeting dates and time can be found on the city website.

9. Director's Report

- A. Kari Pacheco, the new Operations Manager, was introduced and she briefly shared some of her work experiences.
- B. Barks, Brats and Brews was held at the dog park on June 8, 2019. The Windbreakers played. There were approximately 1,000 people in attendance at the event and approximately 200 dogs.
- C. City of Rowlett Parks and Recreation had the five-year re-accreditation visit last week. A special thanks was expressed for those board members who were in attendance for the kick off and to EC Umberger for speaking at this event. Next steps include wrapping up final documentation to send to NRPA Accreditation Commission.
- D. The Conservation & Landscape Ordinance is in the process of review but there are a few things we are still waiting to find out what happens in legislation. Once this has been received then it will be rolled out to this board.
- E. The Athletics/Aquatics Supervisor and Recreation Supervisor visited Cullins Lakepoint Elementary School the last week of school to talk with kids about staying active during the summer and introduce summer programs offered by Rowlett Parks and Recreation.
- F. Several camps will be offered this summer including Princess Dance Camp, Lego Camps, Marvelous World of 3-D Printing, Chefsville, Superhero Engineering, Art, Dallas Mavericks Basketball Camp, Tot volleyball and Little Kickers Soccer.
- G. July is Parks and Recreation month. A proclamation will be made at the City Council meeting on July 2, 2019.
- H. Bathrooms at Community are functional but there is still no electricity. Lakeside Park bathrooms are still in the works with Dallas.

10. Public Input.

No public input.

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

- A. Shelly Monroe shared information about the new Adulting class beginning in July.
- B. EC Umberger shared Nancy DeVelde's resignation from this board.

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

No topics requested.

13. Adjournment.

Lonnie made a motion to adjourn at 8:02pm.

Alan Hogan seconded the motion.

Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.

Mike DeLatta, Vice Chairman

Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation