



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Rowlett Community Centre, Room D

5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT: Bernadette Hagmeier

VISTORS: None

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

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1. Chairman EC Umberger called meeting to order at 7:03pm.
 2. Quorum present.
 3. No Citizen Input.
 4. Consider action to approve minutes from September 11, 2019.
 - A. Dolores Henning made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - B. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
 5. Continue discussion of Eco-tourism.

Lonnie Cornwell contacted the same astronomist who presented at the last Star Gazing event. The date of November 2, 2019 is chosen as it is close to the First Quarter Moon. The backup date is November 9, 2019. The suggested time for the event is 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Lonnie Cornwell needs to confirm if the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas or City Lights Astronomical Society for Students is leading this event, as well as if it is a way for weather cancellation. If not, then the department has another option to post about the event being canceled due to weather and this call could be made by 5pm. The location being considered is at Pecan Grove Park behind Wet Zone. Once L. Cornwell has this information then the last flyer can be revised and need to include for persons to bring flashlights. The suggestion to have signs helping to direct persons where to go was made.
 6. Reminder: Parks Board Boot Camp to be held on October 19, 2019.

Angela Smith stated will this special meeting begin at 8:30am. Breakfast snacks and light lunch will be provided. A Goal and Objective exercise will be included during this meeting. Administrative topics will be CIP Project update and orientation. There will be a review the parks tour, briefly discuss sub-committee and any hot topics.
 7. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis.

Blake Margolis was unable to be present for this meeting due to being out of town for City Council business. Angela Smith mentioned the City of Rowlett is being awarded as a Scenic City and B. Margolis was instrumental in making this happen and he is out of town to receive the gold level for this award.



8. Director's Report.

- A. On October 8, 2019, staff met with City Council to discuss the Lake Highland Trail which is under design. This topic will be on the Parks Board November agenda for further discussion.
- B. On October 26th from 5pm to 8pm is a Truck or Treat event. Activities include bounce houses, food trucks, movie, costume awards and games. The board was asked if they would like to participate. Members were asked to share this information on their social media. Reminder this board will have a scarecrow in the Scarecrows on Main activity.
- C. Rowlett Parks and Recreation officially received the CAPRA re-accredited for 2019 while staff attended the National Recreation & Parks Association conference. This Department is now reaccredited until 2024.
- D. Taste of DiverCity was held October 5, 2019 and was a successful event. The Department partnered with the Inclusion and Diversity Commission to host the event.

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

Electronics and document shredding will be held on October 19, 2019. More information can be found on Keep Rowlett Beautiful's website.

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

- A. Herfurth Park design.
- B. Plans for the December meeting.

11. Adjournment.

- A. Lonnie Cornwell made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm.
- B. Alan Hogan seconded the motion.
- C. Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.

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Mike DeLatte, Vice Chairman

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Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation