



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Rowlett Community Centre

5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Regular members: Dolores Henning, Mike DeLatte, Alan Hogan, Donna Ferguson, Robert Paroski, Richard Kull
No Alternate members

ABSENT: Anthony Scott, Bernadette Hagmeier, Lonnie Cornwell

VISTORS: None

STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Parks & Recreation Director; Kari Pacheco, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager; Blake Margolis, City Council Liaison; Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Business Manager

Due to the public health emergency and to conform with the social distancing requirements, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting was held via teleconferencing. The public was provided an opportunity to submit comments for a specific agenda item or general comment through citizen email address.

1. Chairman Mike DeLatte called meeting to order at 6:43pm. Quorum present.
2. Citizen Input.
No input.
3. Consider action to approve minutes from March 11, 2020 minutes.
 - A. Dolores Henning made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Donna Ferguson seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Fireworks on Main Update.
Angela Smith explained that City Council decided on May 27, 2020 to cancel the event this year based off recommendations of the Police and Fire Chief's and due to the COVID19 pandemic guidelines. The deposit for the fireworks will hold and will be used for another event. The deposit for the bounce houses will hold and will be used for another event. The main entertainment will be re-scheduled for July 2021.
5. Parks and Recreation event updates. *(Robert Paroski entered)*
 - A. Aaron Cleaver provided an update on several of the events that were cancelled during the pandemic restrictions and re-scheduled to the Fall. At this time plans are to still move forward with Friday Concerts in August and Movies on Main in September. Lunch on the Lawn will be held September through October. Barks, Brews, and Brats be held in conjunction with Pup-a-palooza in November. Discussions are being held to make Main Street Fest and Holiday Parade a little more special since Fireworks on Main is cancelled. The Fall events are still on the calendar. Volunteers will be needed since there will be so many events in the Fall.



- B. Angela Smith stated Aaron Cleaver will send an informational email with all the dates and Shelly Monroe will in turn send out the information to board members.
6. Herfurth Park design update.

Angela Smith reported the design plan for Herfurth Park was approved by City Council. la terra studio is working on a phase 1 plan that can be done with the money that will be available. Some of this cost will incur the taking down of things, although but it will not affect the hockey rink or pickle ball courts during Phase 1. Some movement on the grounds may begin in late months of fall but the Phase 1 document needs to be completed as well as approved before anything can move forward.
 7. Lakefront at Pecan Grove update.

Angela Smith voiced City Council approved a Professional Service Agreement with Studio Outside through 2018 CIP Bond funds. There will be coordination with the City of Dallas since this property is part of the take line. On July 7, 2020 the plans will be presented to City Council. Funds are limited for Phase 1. Public meetings will be held to obtain input for the plans and the plans will be presented to this Board.
 8. Parks Board event updates.
 - A. The paddling event is scheduled for June 20, 2020. Kayak Instruction, Inc. is not providing services during the summer due to the COVID19 pandemic, therefore persons would need to bring their own kayak and supplies. Board members decided to postpone this event due to the construction happening next to Paddle Point Park and because of the situation with the pandemic.
 - B. Board members discussed whether to still hold a scavenger hunt in July via a scavenger hunt app rather than an event. Staff is looking at using the Goose chase app and there is a small fee in which Parks & Recreation Department will pay. Board members decided it would be helpful for each member to bring 3 or 4 items/clues from a couple parks which will assist staff in developing the scavenger items. Members can send to staff possible items to put on the scavenger by this upcoming Wednesday. The hope is to get the application started and sent to a couple board members to test it before going live.
 - C. Parks & Recreation Month proclamation will be presented on July 7, 2010 but still not sure what this looks like due to the pandemic limitations.
 9. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis. (Robert exited)
 - A. Cancelling Fireworks on Main was a big decision, but this decision was based on recommendations from the Police Chief and Fire Chief.
 - B. There is a protest scheduled for this Saturday and is going to take a lot of city resources so preparing for this.
 - C. City Council is providing updates frequently.
 - D. Dolores Henning asked about an update on the bathrooms for Lakeside Park. Angela Smith responded this project is still in progress, although the pandemic did slow some tasks.
 10. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff were made.
 - A. Angela Smith announced the reopening of Rowlett Community Centre at 25% capacity and on Monday of next week there will be an increase to 50% capacity. Staff is using Sign Up Genius to reserve time slots for use of the amenities at RCC. Athletics will be back to operating soon.
 - B. Angela Smith reported Wet Zone has started swim lessons and explained the set up. Wet Zone will possibly open at 50% next week but there will be limited days and times.



11. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.
No requested topics for this meeting.

12. Adjournment.
- A. Dolores Henning made a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm.
 - B. Donna Ferguson seconded the motion.
 - C. Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.



Mike DeLatte, Chairman

Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation