



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT (remotely): Chair: Mike DeLatte, Vice Chair: Alan Hogan, Dolores Henning, Lonnie Cornwell, Anthony Scott, Bernadette Hagmeier, Richard Kull, Donna Ferguson

ABSENT: Robert Paroski

VISITORS: Deborah Crosby, Jeff Winget

STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Parks & Recreation Director; Kari Pacheco, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager; Blake Margolis, City Council Liaison; Laura Tschoerner, Interim Library Director

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1. Chairman Mike DeLatte called meeting to order at 6:35pm with a quorum present.
 2. Citizen Input.
No input.
 3. Consider action to approve minutes from July 8, 2020 minutes.
 - A. Lonnie Cornwell made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Donna Ferguson seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
 4. Discuss potential mural placement on Rowlett Community Centre building. (Bernadette Hagmeier and Dolores Henning entered)
 - A. Jeff Winget and Deborah Crosby with Arts and Humanities Commission (AHC) presented information of an idea to possibly have a mural painted onto the Rowlett Community Centre (RCC) building back wall. Arts & Humanities is allowed a budget to help with the maintenance. Arts and Humanities Commission wants to know if Parks Board supports a mural on the RCC building.
 - B. Mike DeLatte expressed concern about the long-term damage to the stucco, as well as the maintenance cost for such a large mural. Angela Smith consulted with Ron Hobbs, designer for RCC, and he doesn't recommend a mural to be painted on the building and his reasoning was explained. In response, Jeff Winget indicated the local artist has never painted a mural on stucco, although J. Winget's research doesn't show this cannot be done. There was a brief discussion if the building is already painted or if the stucco is colored and it is believed the stucco was installed already painted. Richard Kull asked if AHC has looked at different sites for the mural. Jeff Winget responded that AHC has considered various locations such as sidewalks or the bridge on Main Street, but private property brings different challenges, so they are looking for city property. Blake Margolis asked about the wall along Hwy 66 as an option and J. Winget said the challenge is that this area would require a partnership with TX Dot, as well as there appears to be some indecisiveness of City Council as to keeping the existing mural or whether to replace it. Jeff Winget voiced AHC is open to alternative places. Angela Smith mentioned placing a mural on the back of Bankhead Brewery may be a great option and



believes the owner would be willing to work with the city. Deborah Crosby reiterated there are different guidelines and issues with murals on private property versus city property. The main goal for presenting this idea is to identify a location. Several members expressed concerns about a mural being painted onto the RCC building.

- C. After the discussion board members decided RCC is not the best location for a mural, although members would like to contribute other location ideas. Members can send ideas to Shelly Monroe or Kari Pacheco and these can be passed along to AHC.

5. Discuss potential CIP Bond projects.

- A. Angela Smith stated information was sent to members today with more details on the following proposed projects. The various projects are Herfurth Park Phase II, Wet Zone improvements, Lakefront at Pecan Grove Phase II, Trail construction, Erosion Control, Isaac Scruggs improvements, Schrade Bluebonnet Phase II, RCC - Senior Wing addition, Scenic Point Park Phase III, Community Park upgrades, Sports Field Construction, Develop undeveloped Parks, Lakeside South Park and Kayak Docks & Launches.
- B. CIAB meetings are about to start up to begin reviews and make recommendations for the 2021 Bond Project list.

6. Green Ribbon Project update.

As mentioned last month the city assumed control over the medians and Phase 1 is officially closed. Phase II could begin within the next 60 days. Phase II includes entry wall monuments and the final medians down by Kyoto on Highway 66. Angela Smith provided an update about the Governors Community Achievement Award funding allocations for landscaping.

7. Environmental Learning Center update.

- A. Angela Smith reminded members there is a Design Task Force composed of City Council members Martha Brown and Matt Grubisich, two Keep Rowlett Beautiful board members Mark and Betty Engen, two GISD personnel Paul Reyes and Dr. Edith Crump, Parks Board member Dolores Henning along with two City of Rowlett Directors Angela Smith and Munal Mauladad. There was a long process for choosing the design contractors. Lake Flato is the design contractor. Funding for the design phase will be supplied by City of Rowlett in the amount of \$50,000 and Keep Rowlett Beautiful in the amount of \$28,000.
- B. The schedule for the design phase was discussed. Data Collection and workshops will take about 6 weeks. The Master Plan development will take approximately 8 weeks and will begin late September. Parks Board will be invited to the Task Force/Public meeting on September 22, 2020. The Master Plan will be presented to City Council in December 2020. After this step KRB will fundraise and the project will be done in phases as the funding arrives.

8. Parks Board event updates.

- A. The Cardboard Boat Regatta may not take place for September 12, 2020 but a decision will not be made until next week. If the event continues as plan Dolores Henning, Richard Kull are still available for the boat, although need a third person. Dolores said the boat just needs a little touch up paint.
- B. Kari Pacheco reported there were 42 participants for the scavenger hunt. There were 11 winners who received prizes. Text missions seemed to receive the most engagements. Good feedback was received from the participants. If this board decides to offer another scavenger hunt the Special Events Coordinator has some more ideas.



9. Director's Report.

- A. Events are being evaluated on the 15th of each month. September events will be discussed about August 15, 2020. For Movies on Main staff is looking at a "drive in" option for participants. The city is following the pandemic guidelines therefore only allowing small groups of 10.
- B. Wet Zone has officially closed for the summer. There was an average of 550 attendees per week. Week of July 20, 2020 was the highest of 759 persons. Due to the pandemic requirements the season was shorter and less attendees.
- C. Rowlett Community Centre is still opened by appointment only. There is approximately 1000 consumer per a week.
- D. Lakefront at Pecan Grove onsite kickoff meeting with Studio Outside was held today.
- E. Lakeside North is now on a routine list to clean up and explained a homeowner's complaint.
- F. Staff changes at City Manager's Office, Parks and Recreation Department and with the Parks Board liaison.

10. Update from City Council liaison, Blake Margolis.

- A. Spirit of Rowlett Award is Mike DeLatte and B. Margolis expressed special thanks to M. DeLatte. The video is on the City of Rowlett website for anyone to watch.
- B. The City Manager submitted the proposed 2021 budget and City Council continues to review and work through the budget process.

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

Bernadette Hagmeier shared that at the Rowlett Youth Soccer Association board meeting a decision was made to cancel the season due to the COVID19 pandemic restrictions but also the number of registrations were really low. They are planning for a normal season in the spring. She suggested that Movies on Main could possibly be held at Community Park. Mike DeLatte added he is unsure about Rowlett Softball Association at this time.

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

No requested topics for this meeting.

13. Adjournment.

- A. Lonnie Cornwell made a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm.
- B. Dolores Henning seconded the motion.
- C. Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.

Mike DeLatte, Chairman

Kari Pacheco, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager