



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT Chair: Mike DeLatte, Vice Chair: Dolores Henning, Richard Kull, Bernadette Hagmeier, Anthony Scott, Eve Johnson; Alternates: Rebecca Day, Michael Schupp

ABSENT: Lonnie Cornwell, Donna Ferguson, Kristy Andrade, Derrick Culpepper

VISITORS: N/A

STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Kari Pacheco, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation

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1. Chairman Mike DeLatte called meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
 2. Consider approving minutes from the regular meeting held July 14, 2021.
 - A. Eve Johnson made a motion to approve the July 14, 2021 minutes.
 - B. Richard Kull seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
 3. Citizen Input.
No input.
 4. Follow up on items for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's annual boot camp to be held October 9, 2021.

Kari Pacheco explained a general overview of this work session. Agenda items will consist of reviewing CIP projects, general business, goal setting, committees, and possibly the results of rating scores of the parks.
 5. Discuss this board's officer elections in October.

Mike DeLatte mentioned elections for the Chair and the Vice Chair will take place, therefore members should consider their nominations at the October meeting.
 6. Urban Forestry committee update.

The Neighborhood Summit has changed to a virtual event. Due to this major change the committee is working on options such as relocating the tree planting or if a pre-recording will be done. Staff is looking at our tree plan in conjunction with the placement for planting. Michaels Schupp spoke with Oncore to request a donation for Arbor Day event, but this will be something to plan for the 2022 event.
 7. Parks Board event updates.
 - A. Star Gazing - Richard Kull reported contact was initiated with City Lights Astronomical Society for Students and Texas Astronomical Society. No response received at this time. The suggestion for members to possibly attend a star gazing party in another city and possibly start a connection this way. He will follow up and an update will be emailed to members.
 - B. Rebecca Day presented information on the night hike. Planning for November 13th at 7:00pm at Pecan Grove. Free event, children need to be accompanied by adult. Working on a flyer. It was



suggested to have glow stick necklaces for the younger persons. Recommended to have a hand listing the trails and length of trail at the event. Set up a table and have at least 3 volunteers.

8. Social Media subcommittee update.

Bernadette Hagmeier reported the subcommittee did not meet this month. The next video will highlight Paddle Point Park and Lakeside Park. The committee had discussion on the possible layout for this next video.

9. Update from City Council Liaison, Blake Margolis.

Blake Margolis was not present to provide an update. Question asked about what is happening next to Herfurth Park. Kari Pacheco explained about the digging happening now for the piping. Parks and Recreation staff met with la terra studio to further discuss the next steps. Working with the Hockey Association on the relocation of hockey rink and timing of park work.

10. Assistant Director's Report

- A. Event calendars for October and November were provided to members. Movies on Main happening on Fridays this month. Lunch on the Lawn begins September 20, 2021. Taste of Fall Market begins on September 23, 2021 and will be held on Thursday evenings through November 11, 2021. The Senior Health Fair will be held on September 14, 2021.
- B. Rowlett Community Centre demolition of walls and ceilings is complete. Repairs to the building are to be scheduled soon. The downstairs gym will be closed starting September 15th for repairs. Re-arrangement of activities and programs have been necessary while renovations are in process.
- C. Wet Zone is closed for the season. Interviews have been held for a new Aquatics/Athletics Supervisor.
- D. Parks Division is ready to move forward with the shop yard expansion at Community Park which will provide better security, storage, and mobility of the equipment. A Community Park soccer field survey was conducted and waiting on the findings before things can move onto the renovation phase.
- E. City Council was presented with the findings from the listening session held for the next trail. Direction was given to not move forward with trail along the take line. The next steps will be to look at the remaining trail connections for Garner and then evaluate proposed locations.
- F. Recognition of Lonnie Cornwell and Anthony Scott as this is their last meeting.

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


No announcements.

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

No new topics.

13. Adjournment at 7:25 p.m.


Mike DeLatta, Chairman


Kari Pacheco, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director