

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 8, 2023

Call to Order

Doris called meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Nancy Manlove	-	Edward Lock	-
Jamie MacDonald	<i>present</i>		
Heather Tuggle	-	Michelle Mitcham	-
Lynda Schubring	<i>present</i>		
Ashley Brown	<i>present</i>	Isaac Recinos	<i>present</i>
Doris Michalak	<i>present</i>	Sebastian Marquis	
Rachel Beazley	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	<i>present</i>
Robyn Taylor	<i>present</i>	Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

Approval of Minutes from 2-1-23

Isaac answered Doris' question about the GFAA state qualifier on the minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Robin and was seconded by Ashley.

Citizen Comments

Items for individual consideration

a. Founders' Day

Isaac gave an update about Founders' Day.

The mechanical rides have been secured and there will be a site visit later this month.

A real estate company has sponsored one of the carnival rides - the Wizzer.

The DJ, stage, restroom trailers, and light towers are all secured.

Chili cookoff application was submitted to Harris County for the food permit license.

Kari asked that the cakewalk start at 5pm and end by 6:15, needs megaphone and stanchions. Will bring cakes to the concession stand at 11:00am and will begin set-up at that time. They will need seven tables.

Fireworks are secure, and the tables and chairs are reserved. There are 11 organizations signed up to do carnival game booths. He reached out to PK & BK. They are not able to come, but they said they would promote the event. He is working on a press release - highlights to talk about on the show. We have 11 food trucks signed up including funnel cakes.

Isaac has been in contact with NHS. NHS will have a meeting tomorrow, and they will contact other clubs and groups and will spread the word about the need for volunteers. Isaac stated that we need about 100 volunteers. So far he has 3 lifeguards, some of the golf course cart attendants, and the city's finance department. Volunteers are needed at the hospitality tent to make sure that people have water and food. Isaac has Signup Genius up on the website.

There will be plenty of picnic tables and benches available. There are 2 or 3 people signed up for chili cook-off, and there have been lots of inquiries. Nancy registered the chili cook-off as a qualifier for the ICS Competition.

Cake update - the application process for Kroger has turned out to be very complicated. There has been no response from HEB. May try Sam's or other vendors. The car show is expected to have about 30 cars, which will be lined up down Shanghai St.

The Inflatables need a lot of supervision. Most of the volunteers are needed there. Isaac will get whistles for the volunteers. The police department will help with parking. Volunteers are also needed during set up for the event. A lot of the set-up will be done the day before.

Robert informed the committee that that there will be a special VIP guest at the event. The Astros World Series trophy will also be present at the event from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Advertising and Facebook posts were talked about. Jamie brought up the local rugby league and Ceri Davies. She said that they are very eager to get involved in community activities. She will reach out to them about setting up a booth at Founders' day.

Robert stated that he would like to have all of the involved stakeholders present at the April 5th meeting. It would be a short meeting after the PARAC meeting for the volunteers, food truck vendors, and anyone involved, to give them an orientation and to discuss final plans for locations of things, schedule of events, etc. He is planning to have the meeting take place via Zoom and in the Council Chamber. We will also have wristband pickup.

Pool memberships will also be will also be available for sale. There was a brief discussion about the pricing of the pool memberships and passes. VIP parking was discussed. Isaac said that he still needs more games or booths. We only have 11 so far. Music for event – still have 1 signed up and he is working on a second act. Isaac gave updates on some of the games and booths. A dunk tank was brought up for future events.

Parks and Recreation Directors Report

Dead trees at Clark Henry – Robert said they would get them taken care of.

Robert is looking into requesting budget amendment for security cameras.

Vandalism at restrooms was discussed.

Vincent Fink the mural artist was brought up – murals, graffiti coating

Future agenda item request

Easter egg hunt for the April agenda.

Next Meeting Date

4-5-23

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jamie and was seconded by Lynda.