

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 21, 2023

Call to Order

Doris called meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes from 6-7-23

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

Citizen Comments

Kimberly Henao expressed her appreciation and support to the department staff and committee members for all they do.

Items for individual consideration

a. Sport League

Thomas commented that I9 is ok for getting started, but that the older kids are going out of Jersey Village to Cy Fair Sports. He said that the coach is not very receptive to scheduling and that the program began later in the season than others. Isaac explained that the facilities could not be used because of scheduling with Founders Day. Isaac said that he would reach out to CY-Fair sports and to others. Tomas feels that the older kids are being left out.

b. Lazy Day

Isaac asked the committee if they want to have the Lazy Day or the triathlon because we may not have enough funds for both. That event would take place the second weekend in October.

Rachel said that she is gathering budget information for the triathlon and that she would look into getting sponsorships and volunteers.

Isaac estimates that it would take about \$2500 to put on the Lazy Day event. Michelle said that she could help with the Lazy Day sponsorship.

The biggest cost is for the Lazy Day shirts and medals. People said that they would like to see signs at the park advertising the event.

The members talked about the food truck and they suggested that maybe a snow cone vendor would be better. There were 100 participants last year – twice as much as the previous year. In-person registration is easier now.

Isaac stated that Robert wants to form a sub-committee to discuss and plan the triathlon so that we do not have to worry about making quorum and posting meeting notices. Three persons are needed for the subcommittee. They will begin meeting in August.

c. Fall Frolic

Fall Frolic will take place the Friday before Halloween. The contingency plan for the haunted house is to set it up inside the civic center if the weather is bad. We may do trunk or treating inside with tables set up around the perimeter. Isaac will look into doing two levels of haunted house starting with a less scary version at first for the younger kids and then making it more scary later for the older kids.

d. July 4th Event Dis

Isaac said that everything is looking good for \July 4th. He has three BBQ chicken competition entrants, and may have about 40 parade registrants.

Isaac had a meeting with Derek Spence's agent and they worked out the best stage location so that everyone in the park will get a good view of the performance. The band will use the lifeguard room instead of bringing their tour bus.

Staff had a meeting with the fire department and with Phoenix about the fireworks and worked out the plans.

The parade route plan is still the same with staging at Post bus loop, and judging before it starts. There will be water, shade and chairs for the volunteers. Staff has plans to do a pre-event meeting with parade participants via zoom.

The mechanical bull comes with its own operators. Participants will have to sign waivers. The pool managers will handle cashiering. The waivers will be in Amilia. They may start selling early tickets ahead of time. The committee discussed how to prevent someone using a ticket twice.

Staff did a walk-through to finalize the location of the food trucks, the generators, and the restroom trailers. Isaac talked about the different food trucks and said that they would be located in the Post parking lot.

Staff will have one more meeting with the police department to finalize the plans for staffing, street closings, and parking. Doris asked staff to provide the police officers with maps.

The committee also discussed the location, times, and judging of the BBQ and the Lemonade competitions. Isaac said that the pool and splash pad will close at 3:00pm and that the lifeguards will sell water bottles and Gatorade at the event.

Parks and Recreation Directors Report

Isaac announced that KSBJ radio station 89.3 will have an Ice Cream Emergency at Clark Henry Park on July 8 from 6-8pm. The event is free to the public to attend.

Ashely asked about the fence and Sebastian said that it was going to be removed and the grass will be mowed.

Clark Henry bathrooms are closed due to vandalism until the cameras get set up. The camera system is very large and will provide good security.

Robert talked about the Parks Master Plan and the concept design for the new pool. They are getting estimates for three different price points. They did a tree inventory and got good results. Most of the trees would remain unaffected. Robert wants to have conceptual posters for people to vote on at the July 4th event. They will set up a QR code so that residents can scan to vote on amenities. Robert presented the preliminary line drawings and talked about the details of each. Staff and committee members discussed the water play structures and all agreed that a structure that features a water bucket is a must. Changes will lead to higher operating costs and a need for more lifeguards. The pool will be on the council agenda on Monday.

The bridge at the golf course will be closing on July 10th for clubhouse construction that starts on July 24th. Robert answered the committee members' questions about the new clubhouse and he talked about the proposed plans.

Future agenda item request

Next Meeting Date

8-2-23

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Robyn and was seconded by Tommy.