

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 4, 2022

Call to Order

Doris called meeting to order at 5:34 pm

Jamie MacDonald	<i>present</i>	Lynda Schubring	<i>present</i>
Ashley Brown	<i>present</i>	Michelle Mitcham	<i>present</i>
Doris Michalak	<i>present</i>	Luke Onorato	<i>present</i>
Kristy Holder		Isaac Recinos	<i>present</i>
Glenn Jackoviak	<i>present</i>	Sebastian Marquis	<i>present</i>
Heather Tuggle	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	<i>present</i>
		Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

Approval of Minutes from (previous meeting)

Motion was made to approve minutes by Ashley and was seconded by Heather.

Citizen Comments

None

Items for individual consideration

a. Parks Master Plan Update – Robert Basford

Robert brought up the Parks Master Plan Update and gave some background about the review and ranking of items that was done in previous PARAC meetings.

The Carol Fox restroom was discussed. It is in process and will hopefully be done by middle of June. The lighting plan for the park, along with the sandbox and the community built playground are being considered.

Some of the high priority items were also discussed including the Clark Henry improvements, baseball fields, nature trail site furnishings, nature trail exterior lighting, bike racks, and picnic tables. Some of these items are being worked on right now. Some improvements are being tabled to ensure that they match the new clubhouse.

The dog park improvements, lighting, water fountains, etc. were also discussed. Robert got quotes on shade structures. Had a meet and greet in April to get input from people. Pavilion is going to be donated for large dog side, small dog side has natural shade. Other items were discussed including walkway on Rio Grande Bridge, trail inside park, crushed granite parking lot, dog washing station.

Robert encouraged all to look at the Parks Master Plan and also asked committee members to talk to their neighbors and ask for feedback. Timing and scheduling of projects was discussed.

Exterior lighting at parks was discussed. Costs have changed. On the nature trail there is a concern about light pollution. Philippine park was discussed. It is in the floodway, so any structures have to comply. The ropes course would have to have staffing and it would be in the canopy of the trees.

Robert reminded committee members that the goal is to limit meetings to one hour in length.

Activities for the fall were asked about and kickball was discussed.

Isaac talked about the problems staffing the pool. He has not been able to hire enough lifeguards. The problem is widespread. Only 3 of 15 positions are filled. Minimum age for lifeguards is 16. The city is offering certification course. If he can't hire enough lifeguards, we may need to adjust the pool schedule. A lifeguard management company was considered but the price is very high.

b. July 4th Discussion - Isaac Recinos

Isaac talked about the scheduling of the fireworks. May need to have them at about 9:30pm due to light. He has been talking to bands.

Robert said that he would like to cut down to few large signature events: Founder's Day, July 4th, Fall Frolic, and Holiday in the Village. We have had success with food trucks and music festivals. We would still have a few smaller events in between. The idea was to merge the concert series into 4th of July so that we could get a bigger music act.

For July 4th, we would like to have a parade, BBQ, music, and fireworks. Looking for a signature band and then a smaller band or local artist. Robert is going to ask about doing a budget amendment for July 4th. Promotion for the event and parade were discussed. Signs and banners were brought up. The issue of food permits was discussed in detail. Robert and Isaac asked for suggestions and input on musical acts.

Parks and Recreation Directors Report

Robert will put together a report on the Founder's Day event. Doris asked about the budget numbers at the golf course. Sebastian and Robert talked about the splash pad. The wrought iron fence and the new robotic cleaner for the pool were also discussed. The number of lifeguards and possible need to limit the pool hours was discussed again.

Advertising events in the JV Star was talked about.

Doris asked about the youth committee member. Interested students need to apply.

Future agenda item request

Next Meeting date

6/1/22

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ashley, and was seconded by Lynda.