



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 8/12/2024

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on Chapter 17 – Parks and Recreation, Article 3. – Use of Public Parks, Section 17-57 Parking.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA **FUNDS REQUESTED:** NA

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 8, 2024, the Parks & Recreation Department received a work order from an Angleton citizen regarding parking on either side of Bates Road into Bates Park. Staff reference our code of ordinances. Our ordinance states the following regarding parking:

Sec. 17-57. - Parking.

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle in other than an established or designated parking area, and such use shall be in accordance with the posted directions there or any attendant who may be present.
- (b) No person shall full-park on the road or driveway at any time. In order to enjoy some special natural scenic feature, vehicles may be parked with the two left wheels near the right edge of the paving.
- (c) No person shall leave any vehicle anywhere in the park with one or more wheels chained, or with motor set in gear and doors locked, or in any manner fixed or arranged so that such vehicle cannot readily be moved by hand in a park.
- (d) No person shall fail to immediately notify an attendant of an emergency in the nature of a breakdown requiring the assistance of a tow-truck, mechanic or other person in a park.
- (e) No person shall double-park any vehicle on any road or parkway unless directed by a park official.
- (f) No person shall park a motor vehicle for the purpose of making mechanical repairs other than under emergency conditions in a park.

Staff contacted Angleton Girls Softball Association (AGSA) and requested that the association inform parents, coaches, and board members there should no parking along Bates Road and instead the designated parking lot should be used for parking per our city ordinance outlined.

While designated parking is currently available for Bates Park, parking is often insufficient for park activities.

The City Manager directed staff to refrain from putting up no parking signs along Bates Road and following our current ordinances until revisions, if any, are vetted through the Parks & Recreation Board and City Council.

AGSA representatives have expressed concerns to Angleton Parks & Recreation Department staff regarding parking along Bates Road due to the size of the street and the blind spots created for walkers when vehicles are parked along the street.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks & Recreation Board discuss the core issue regarding parking within Bates Park, review the current ordinance, and provide a recommended solution for the City Council to consider.