

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

January 13, 2025

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Rick Rivera, Krissie Fountain, Margaret Robinson, Deborah Jones, Steven Fobert, Gail Sheehan, and Nathanael Gold. Staff present were Parks and Recreation Director Terry Moore and Building and Facilities Manager Doug Haggerty. Council Member Cynthia Sanders-Meyer was present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments

3. STAFF, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS

3A. Parks and Recreation Report

Reports were tabled until next meeting due to workshop needs.

3B. Bastrop State Park Report

Reports were tabled until next meeting due to workshop needs.

3C. Bird City Coalition Report

Reports were tabled until next meeting due to workshop needs.

3D. Bird Junction Project Report

Reports were tabled until next meeting due to workshop needs.

3E. Bastrop Recreation Director's monthly update

Update was tabled until next meeting due to workshop needs.

4. PARKS & RECREATION WORKSHOP

4A. Discussion on the Tree and Preferred Plant List Ordinance

4B. Discussion of the proposed public Open Space and Community Enrichment Fund ordinance

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the November 7, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Due to workshop needs, this agenda item was tabled until next meeting.

5B. Receive updates on the Working Task Force

Due to workshop needs, this agenda item was tabled until next meeting.

5C. Discuss and possible action regarding the City of Bastrop Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

No action taken.

5D. Recommendations and Actions on the suggested Tree and Preferred Plant List Ordinance

Motion was made to section (d)(4) to adopt moderate proposed standards and change section (ii) from 2 to 5 years by Member Nathanael Gold and seconded by Member Krissie Fountain.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to recommend removing individual species of Oak from the Technical Manual and make all species of Oak Trees (genus Quercus) protected by Member Krissie Fountain.

Motion was seconded by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to recommend Tree mitigation fee be \$250 per 1 caliper inch; that Penalties for Unauthorized Removal of Trees adopt the moderate proposed standards and to add that the city will withhold the violator's Certificate of Occupancy until penalties are paid; and to recommend that invasive species removal credits be awarded ½":1" of invasive species removed. Motion was made by Member Margaret Robinson and seconded by Member Rick Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

5E. Recommendations and Actions on the proposed public Open Space and Community Enrichment Fund ordinance

Motion of support was made by Member Margaret Robinson. Member Rick Rivera seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Gail Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Member Rick Rivera seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Chair, Deborah Jones

Secretary, Nathanael Gold