

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS & RECREATION AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

The Bastrop Parks & Recreation and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 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, Deborah Jones, Steven Forbert, Gail Sheehan, Margaret Robinson, and Nate Gold. Staff present were Doug Haggerty, Building and Fleet Manager; Marco Olivares, PW/Parks & Rec Technician; Terry Moore, Park & Rec Director.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:32 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM OF BOARDS MEMBERS PRESENT

A quorum of 7 members were present. Rick Rivera, Krissie Fountain, Deborah Jones, Steven Forbert, Gail Sheehan, Margaret Robinson, Nate Gold.

Rick Rivera, Margaret Robinson, Krissie Fountain Steven Forbert, and Deborah Jones took the oath of office.

3. STAFF, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS

3A. Parks and Recreation Report

Crew continues to make improvements and do maintenance in the parks. Including the bridge at Bob Bryant, all the safety bollards at the Little League Field, new water fountain installed at Fisherman's Park, cutting-planting and trimming trees. Recreation activities included the Pink Party, Walk to Run Program, Movies in the Park, Jr Master Naturalist Program and Boot Scooting.

3B. Bastrop State Park Report

Park attendance continues to increase. With a 8.97% increase in visitation from pre-fire times

Park acquired 33 acres to add to the protected land and habitat that they manage

3C. Bird City Coalition Report

Birding 101 Class starting – 1/17 to 2/7

3D. Director Report

The department has received a grant from Lost Pines Toyota to replace the playground surface at Kerr Community Park.

Fence around the playscape at Fisherman's has been removed and will be replaced before the end of the year.

4. WORKSHOP

Discussion on the tree and parkland requirements in the current City of Bastrop Building Code.

CM Carrillo-Trevino shared details with the board about the upcoming changes being proposed to the building as it pertains to the Parks & Recreation Department – primarily discussed was the proposal of a park development fee. Gail Sheehan made a motion to recommend to the Planning & Zoning Board to include a fee in lieu of land for developers to go to the Park Development Fund. Margaret Robinson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

There was also discussion about a % to go toward art. But no motion was made.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider and act to approve Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes from Thursday, October 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion made to approve by Gail Sheehan, seconded by Krissie Fountain – Passed.

5B. 2025 Appointments/Election of Board Officers 2024-25 Term

Motion made by Gail Sheehan, seconded by Rick Rivera to keep the same structure. Deborah Jones as Chair, Margaret Robinson as Vice Chair, Nate Gold as Secretary.

5C. Discussion and changes in the operations of Mayfest Park

Doug Haggerty shared that the restrooms at Mayfest Park had been renovated, the parking lot has been restriped and new spots added, proposing a pole barn on the south end of the property and meeting with Troy Moore to discuss the addition of more electric around the arena.

5D. Receive updates on the Working Task Force.

Fireman's Park Revisioning – Rick, Steven and Margaret have had conversations about the site. Krissie asked to be included. The group will come back to the next meeting with additional information.

Parks Trails – Not ready to make a report.

Historical Signs – going to reach out to Bastrop Historical Society for help.

5E. Bastrop Volunteer Work Days 2025

Community Engagement- Krissie has organized a volunteer workday on 12/15 with BHS PALS.

Community Work Days are scheduled for Feb 22, May 31, July 12 and November 8.

5F. Discussion and report on the Paint the Parks Initiative

Gail is working on the criteria. Council member Myers suggested the board have a representative on the Cultural Arts Commission. Krissie has asked to work with Gail on this task force.

5G. Update and discuss Parks and Recreation Master Plan

No report

5H. Discussion of meeting dates in December and January

Gail Sheehan moved to cancel the meeting in December. Steven seconded and it passed unanimously.

Gail Sheehan moved to flex the January meeting to the second week. Margaret seconded and passed unanimously.

5I. Discussion of future agenda items

Task Force Reports

Volunteers

Farm Street Village status update

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned without objection.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Chair Deborah Jones
