

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

September 1, 2022

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Betty Rucker, Kerry Fossler, Steven Fobert, Barbara Wolanski, Margaret Robinson, and Jamie Creacy. Members absent were Sarah Rooney. City staff and representatives present were Arborist Thomas Martinez, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, and Council Liaison John Kirkland. City staff and representatives absent were Public Works Director Curtis Hancock.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. a Board photograph was taken.

At 6:07 p.m. Chair Barbara Wolanski called the meeting to order.

2. STAFF AND BOARD BRIEFINGS

2A. Parks Report

Report was given by staff member Thomas Martinez.

2B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Jamie Creacy.

2C. Bastrop Recreation Report

Report was given by staff member Terry Moore.

2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Kerry Fossler.

2E. Council Liaison Report

Was approached by citizen Gilbert Cervantes regarding 9-hole golf course. Informed him of opportunity for citizen comments at City Parks Board meeting.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen Gilbert Cervantes expressed interest in and benefits of the City providing a public 9-hole, 3-par golf course on a privately held tract of land adjacent to May Fest Hill Park.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the July 7, 2022, regular meeting. August 4th meeting was canceled due to Bastrop Homecoming.

Motion was made by Member Betty Rucker and seconded by Vice Chair Margaret Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan

No update was given. Staff member working project has been out so update information was not available. Item will be moved to the October agenda.

5B. Discussion on Bird Coalition Application

No discussion needed. The application is moving forward as noted in item 2D. Bird City Coalition Report.

5C. Update and Discuss Parks Special Events

List of Fall Special Events was provided in the meeting packet. City Arborist Thomas Martinez reviewed the list.

5D. Discuss and consider Photography Collaboration

Member Kerry Fossler expressed interest in bringing forth a project that would focus on telling community stories of our parks through photography. People are interested in what the locals are doing, and we can elevate the interest and awareness of what is going on in our parks through this project. This is still in the idea formulation phase with various thoughts on who to engage such as professional photographers or youth, how to collect the photos into an available format such as using social media # (hashtag), etc..

5E. Update and discuss Possibility of Musical Trail in Bastrop by Suzy Turner

The Board welcomed guest presenter Suzy Turner with Soulshine Rhythm Experience. Suzy presented on the benefits of music to citizens and the benefits of building community through music. Suzy represents the product Percussion Play which is a brand of outdoor musical instruments carried by Fun Abounds playground company. Suzy presented ideas on how the Percussion Play line of instruments could be used in various applications within the city and within parks to provide benefits to citizens. Board members expressed that this would be worth looking into during the upcoming Master Park Planning Process.

6. UPDATES

Update topics were not discussed.

7. ADJORNMENT

Member Betty Rucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Vice Chair Margaret Robinson seconded. The vote was unanimous.