

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

December 1, 2022

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Betty Rucker, Kerry Fossler, Margaret Robinson, Steven Fobert, and Jamie Creacy. There are currently two vacant board member positions. City staff and representatives present were Arborist Thomas Martinez, Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, and Council Liaison John Kirkland.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Vice Chair Margaret Robinson called the meeting to order.

2. REPORTS

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

Report was given by Council Member John Kirkland. He reported that he has had several people state that they like the new look of the Christmas lights such as how the light poles look like candy canes but that the overall feeling is that it is a blank canvas due to not having "big things" such as items to take pictures with.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

4. WORKSHOP

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the November 3, 2022, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Member Betty Rucker and seconded by Member Kerry Fossler. Vote was unanimous. Note was made that the board is now called the Cultural Arts Commission rather than the Art in Public Places Board as was stated in minutes.

5B. Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan

Update was provided by Recreation Manager Terry Moore. Master Plan Contract will be taken to Council for award at the December 13, 2022, meeting.

5C. Discussion and consider nomination of a new Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board President

Margaret Robinson made a motion for Kerry Fossler to serve as the new Board President. Discussion included how long the chair would serve. Member Jamie Creacy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5D. Discussion on open Parks Board Members

Six people expressed interest in serving on the Parks Board during the boards and commissions open house. They will be invited to the January Parks Board meeting and if interested will be provided applications. Applications will go to the mayor for consideration and appointment. We would like to consider diversity on the board so that it represents the whole City.

6. ADJORNMENT

Member Betty Rucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Member Steven Forbert seconded. The vote was unanimous.