

## MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

October 3, 2024

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 3, 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 Fobert, Gail Sheehan, and Nathanael Gold. Staff present were Parks and Recreation Director Terry Moore and Building and Facilities Manager Doug Haggerty. Council Members Cheryl Lee, Cynthia Sanders-Meyer, and Kerry Fossler were present. Member Margaret Robinson was absent. Planning and Zoning Commission Committee Member Jordan Scott was present as a guest liaison.

### 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

Report was given by Parks and Recreation Director, Terry Moore.

#### 3B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Lost Pines State Park Complex Superintendent, Nathanael Gold.

#### 3C. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Luke Thompson and Council member Fossler. Bastrop's Bird City celebration weekend is the first weekend in May, pitched that multiple events could be hosted in multiple parks. Bird City Coalition will be hosting monthly Birdwatching 101 classes at 7p on the first Tuesday of each month starting in November. Birdwatching 101 classes will also be held every Friday at 3:30p for the months of January and February.

#### 3D. Bird Junction Project Report

Report was given by Luke Thompson and Terry Moore.

#### 3E. Bastrop Recreation Director's monthly update

Report was given by Parks and Recreation Director, Terry Moore. Moore explained that they were checking with the City Attorney about the process to designate land owned by the City into parkland.

### 4. PARKS & RECREATION WORKSHOP

#### 4A. Discussion on the tree and parkland requirements in the current City of Bastrop Code.

No action on this item until after the planning and zoning meeting on 10/30/2024. Board members were encouraged to attend.

## **5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

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

Member Nathanael Gold made a motion to approve the minutes and Member Steven Fobert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**5B. Discussion and possible action on the vision for Mayfest Park.**

Building and facilities manager, Doug Haggerty reported that the Building and Facilities Department will be taking over the maintenance and facility upkeep of Mayfest Park. The Parks and Recreation Department will manage all of the programs and events for Mayfest Park.

**5C. Discussion and possible action on establishing Park Task Force groups.**

Chair Deborah Jones made a motion to establish a Mayfest Park Task Force with Phyllis Mattheson, Troy Moore, Jimmy Crouch, Ishmael Harris, Jessica Long, Allan Long, and Stephen Barnett. Member Steven Fobert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Rick Rivera made a motion to establish a Park Trails Task Force with Nathanael Gold, Council member Cynthia Sanders-Meyer, Kay Rogers, and Planning and Zoning Liaison Jordan Scott. Member Nathanael Gold seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

It was discussed that establishing a Splash Pad task force consisting of Tom Phillips, Judy Hoover, Ann Brown, and Joe Beal. No motion was made.

**5D. Discussion and possible action regarding the Volunteer Clean-Up Day on October 12, 2024.**

Members Krissie Fountain, Gail Sheehan, and Margaret Robinson will help lead this effort.

**5E. Discuss and possible action on the Fireman's Park Task Force Report.**

Member Krissie Fountain asked to join this task force. With Krissie joining it will make this task force group sessions a meeting according to the Open Meetings Act. Krissie suggested a community engagement event to obtain feedback on the future of Fireman's Park.

**5F. Discuss and possible action on the Paint in the Parks Task Force Report.**

Member Gail Sheehan reported that they intend to paint electrical boxes and wanted to meet with muralists to discuss. Councilmember Sanders-Meyer reported that the Parks Board could work with the Cultural Arts Board to help with funding.

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

No action taken.

**5H. Individual requests from Parks and Recreation Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas.**

To discuss next month: City Parkland designation process update; tree and parkland requirements in the current City of Bastrop Code; Updates on task force.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Gail Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. Member Rick Rivera seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Chair, Deborah Jones

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Secretary, Nathanael Gold