

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

October 6, 2022

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:14 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

No report was provided.

2E. Council Liaison Report

No report was provided.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the September 1, 2022, regular meeting.

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

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan

Update was provided by Public Works Director Curtis Hancock. Master Plan Contract will be awarded at the October 25th, 2022 City Council meeting.

5B. Update and Discuss Parks Special Events

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

5C. Update and Discuss Hope Tree

New Bastrop Citizen Jana Lynch contacted Public Works regarding interest in starting a Hope Tree in Fisherman's Park. Public Works Director Curtis Hancock presented Ms. Lynch's materials explaining a Hope Tree as a tree where painted wooden butterflies are glued to the trunk to honor people's loved ones. Board discussed the perceived positives and negatives and the idea that there may be a fit with the Bastrop art community as an art installation.

6. ADJORNMENT

Member Betty Rucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Vice Chair Margaret Robinson seconded. The vote was unanimous.