

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

February 6, 2025

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025, 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, Margaret Robinson, Deborah Jones, and Nathanael Gold. Staff present were Parks and Recreation Director Terry Moore and Building and Facilities Manager Doug Haggerty. Council Member Cynthia Sanders-Meyer was present. Members Steven Fobert and Gail Sheehan were absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:33 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Thursday, November 7, 2024 Regular Meeting and the January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting by Member Margaret Robinson. Motion was seconded by Member Rick Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

4. STAFF, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS

4A. Parks and Recreation Report

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

4B. Bastrop State Park Report

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

4C. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Luke Thompson and Council member Fossler. Thompspon reported that the field trips being held in City Parks are picking up momentum and participation.

4D. Bastrop Recreation Director's monthly update

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

4E. Discussion and changes in the operations of Mayfest Park

Report was given by Building and Facilities Manager, Doug Haggerty.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A Receive a presentation on the various projects taking place during the Bastrop Clean Sweep on February 22, 2025.

Presentation was given by Parks and Recreation Director, Terry Moore. Topics surrounded around the Parks and Recreation Departments efforts to engage the Citizens of the City of Bastrop to increase public participation and to encourage grassroots support of the City's Parks and Recreation Programmatic efforts.

6. PARKS & RECREATION WORKSHOP

7. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

7A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the November 7, 2024, Regular Meeting and the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Topic was addressed and approved in agenda item 3.

7B. Receive updates on the Working Task Force

Due to the 2024 Holiday Season task force meetings were tabled. Task force members will resume duties now that the Holiday Season has passed.

7C. Discuss and possible action regarding the City of Bastrop Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

No action taken.

7D. Texas A&M Forest Service offers matching grants each year. One of the categories is for a Municipal Forester for \$100,000 over 3 years.

Topic was presented by Parks and Recreation Director, Terry Moore, explaining that this opportunity would if awarded, assist with the hiring of a Certified Arborist for the City of Bastrop. Director Moore will explore this opportunity and will report on their findings.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Margaret Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm. Member Rick Rivera seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Chair, Deborah Jones

Secretary, Nathanael Gold