

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

September 5, 2024

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 5, 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, Margaret Robinson, and Nathanael Gold. Staff present were Parks and Recreation Director Terry Moore and Senior Planner Kennedy Higgins. Council Member Cheryl Lee was absent. Planning and Zoning Commission Committee Member Jordan Scott was present as a guest liaison.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:32 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lee Harle – Bastrop River Company, discussed the boat ramp bumper’s condition. Reporting that they are dilapidated and, in his opinion, unnecessary. He suggested that we partner with the school to remove the bumpers and put a mural on the wall in their place.

Luke Thompson – Discussed that the Audubon Society has a grant to fund more Purple Martin houses at Bob Bryant Park. He shared that he was currently discussing with the Audubon Society the potential for hosting Birding 101 courses. Thompson informed the board that he does twice a month birding outings. Thompson stated that because of the current fall migration lights out should occur by 11:00pm to facilitate the migration. Parks and Recreation Director Terry Moore shared that “lights out” signs have been posted at park kiosks.

3. STAFF, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS

3A. Discussion and consider nomination of a new Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board Secretary.

Member Margaret Robinson made a motion for Nathanael Gold to serve as the new Board Secretary. Member Gail Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3B. Parks and Recreation Report

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

3C. Bastrop State Park Report

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

3D. Bastrop Recreation Director’s monthly update

Report was given by Parks and Recreation Director, Terry Moore. Moore Presented the FY25 proposed budget

3E. Bird Junction Project Report

Report was given by Margaret Robinson.

3F. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Margaret Robinson.

4. PARKS & RECREATION WORKSHOP

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

Senior Planner Kennedy Higgins reported on the current B3 Technical Manual's current wording and tree mitigation fees. Planning and Zoning Commission Committee Member Jordan Scott shared that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be discussing tree mitigation fees on Saturday, October 12th.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the August 6, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Member Gail Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes and Member Margaret Robinson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5B. Discussion and possible action on the vision for Fireman's Park.

Member Rick Rivera discussed converting the park from a baseball field to multipurpose fields with a perimeter trail and a playscape. More information to come in future meetings.

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

Chair Deborah Jones proposed task force groups. Proposed groups are listed as follows: Mayfest Task Force, Fisherman's Park Task Force, Park Trails Task Force, Arborist Consulting Task Force, Fireman's Park Task Force, Paint the Parks Task Force, and Community Engagement and Awareness Task Force.

Member Rick Rivera made a motion to establish a Fireman's Park Task Force and to have that task force come up with a redesign proposal for Fireman's Park. Member Steven Fobert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Discussion to reschedule this clean up day, no action taken. Members Krissie Fountain, Gail Sheehan, and Margaret Robinson will help lead this effort. Discuss next month.

5E. Discussion, update, and possible action regarding the City of Bastrop Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

No action taken.

5F. Individual Requests from Parks and Recreation Board Members for particular items to be listed on future agendas.

To discuss next month: Feasibility of Industrial Park near Jackson Street/Business Park Dr.; Recreation Center Updates; Sports Complex; Updates on task force.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Gail Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Member Rick Rivera seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Chair, Deborah Jones

Secretary, Nathanael Gold