

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

October 5, 2023

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Kerry Fossler, Rick Rivera, Deborah Jones, and Gail Sheehan. Members absent were Steven Forbert, Margaret Robinson, and Jamie Creacy. City staff and representatives present were Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, Parks Superintendent Paul Gonzales, Arborist Thomas Martinez, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, Public Works Technician Sandy Holder. City Council representative, Jimmy Crouch absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:25 p.m. Chair Kerry Fossler 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 Terry Moore.

2C. Bastrop Recreation Report

Report was given by staff member Terry Moore.

2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Chair Kerry Fossler.

2E. Council Liaison Report

No Report.

2F. City Secretary Training

Ann Franklin, City Secretary conducted Training on Rules and Procedures for Boards and Commissions

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

4. WORKSHOP

No workshop.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Update and discuss – Meeting minutes September 5, 2023. Gail Sheehan moved to approve minutes for September 5, 2023. Deborah Jones seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5B. Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan - City Parks and Recreation Assets

Update was provided by Public Works Director, Curtis Hancock. Curtis showed a map of Fireman's Park, Parks Board Member Rick Rivera, suggested making the park into a multi-use park-Pickleball, walking Trail. Fireman's Park has water and electric, bleachers and fences need to be replaced, minor grading needs to be done. Mayfest Park section of park that the City would sell and get another spot of land for the parks. City Arborist, Thomas Martinez spoke about Central Texas Floodplan Restoration wants to plant 50-60 of 15 species of trees in Pecan Park, at no cost to the City. We would be in agreement for the seedlings not to be touched for 26 years, no pruning, mowing, etc. More information is needed. Parks Board Member Deborah Jones, spoke to Master Gardeners plan to put a greenhouse on Public Land, TBD. Curtis Hancock will reach out to Master Gardeners.

5C. Discussion on City Park Signs

Public Works Director, Curtis Hancock. discussed the signs at Fisherman's Park, using them as a template for the Parks. Continue with Proposed signs as presented. Motion was made by Parks Board Member Deborah Jones and seconded by Parks Board Member Gail Sheehan.

5D. Update and discuss Christmas Lights

Public Works Director, Curtis Hancock gave an update on the Christmas light installation that has begun and is on schedule to be finished by the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Décor IQ will be installing the lighting around tree and tree wells. Curtis Hancock is looking into cost for keeping lights on Main Street longer.

5E. Update and discuss Shade Structures

Sandy Holder, Public Works Technician and Public Works Director, Curtis Hancock gave an update on the Shade Structures at Ferry Park and Hunters Crossing Parks, they are reported to be installed by mid-November.

5F. Review and discuss Work Action Plan Requirements

Public Works Director, Curtis Hancock reported that the Parks Board members need to start thinking about top 3 goals. Parks Board member and Chair, Kerry Fossler would love something thinking backwards-Historical- and something Forward-the Future. Kerry Fossler would like Board Members to visit a park and take a picture of what they see. Parks Board member Deborah Jones would like to see the Arena as a discussion item going forward. Parks Board member Rick Rivera would like to see the basketball court resurfaced in the Master Plan.

6. ADJORNMENT

Parks Board Chair Kerry Fossler resigned as Parks Board Chair, wants to remain a Parks Board Member. Discussion at next meeting.

Member Deborah Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Member Gail Sheehan seconded. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Kerry Fossler, Chair

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director