

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

December 7, 2023

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Kerry Fossler, Rick Rivera, Steven Forbert, Gail Sheehan, Margaret Robinson, Deborah Jones, and Jamie Creacy. There were no absent members. City staff and representatives present were Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, and Park Superintendent Paul Gonzales. Council Liaison Jimmy Crouch was absent. There were no City Staff absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:02 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

2. REPORTS

2A. Parks Report

Report was given by Park Superintendent Paul Gonzales.

2B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Board Member Jamie Creacy.

2C. Bastrop Recreation Report

Report was given by Recreation Director Terry Moore.

2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Board Member Kerry Fossler.

2E. Council Liaison Report

No Report.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizen Comments.

4. WORKSHOP

No workshop.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the November 2, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

October minutes, instead of the November minutes, were re-posted in error. November minutes will be posted next month along with December minutes. No vote.

5B. Update and discuss Parks Master Plan

Curtis reported on rodeo arena dirt consultant work. The Black Widow drag was located and is being repaired. Discussion regarding naming the Rodeo Arena to, "Bastrop Rodeo Arena at Mayfest Park." Look at holding open ride weekly on Tuesday once dirt is resolved.

5C. Review and discuss work action plan requirement.

- Goal setting discussion: Interest in working toward Rec Center with Pool, other items include rodeo arena, park land acquisition, trail connection to the State Park, connectivity/trails throughout city, sports fields. What did citizens say was the most important item during the Master Planning process? What can we do immediately? Work session with development and park overlay needed.

5D. Update and discuss pickleball

Pickleball court at Fisherman's Park was re-stripped and a lock box was installed to provide access to a net for people who don't have one.

5E. Discussion on Master Gardeners

Lee Pacatte presented to the board regarding plans and next steps for the garden and education space at Bob Bryant Park. Margaret moved to support efforts to obtain and place a shed. Jamie seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

5F. Update and discuss basketball courts

Basketball courts at Fisherman's Park could use re-surfacing and new rims. Will look at a price for these items and new lights for that area and present next month.

5G. Review and discuss Fireman's Park

No update.

5H. Discuss the re-naming of the Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board

Due to the addition of recreation to the function of our city government, the board discussed re-naming the board to "Bastrop Parks & Recreation and Public Tree Advisory Board."

5I. Discussion on Delgato Park Mural

A muralist provided a design for the park. Cost to city general fund would be minimal. Kerry makes a motion to support moving forward with a mural. Stephen seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

6. ADJORNMENT

Member Gail Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Member Rick Rivera seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Deborah Jones, Chair

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director