



Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Monday, December 04, 2023, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Commission present, Vice Chair Fougerat called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Matt Fougerat, Vice Chair

Hope Boatright

Olivia Barnard

Dustin Cloutier

Joe Wright

Commission Members absent were:

Paul Fushille, Chair

Kristy Caldwell

Christian Krueger

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

Public Works Director Aaron Reed

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public who wishes to address the Commission regarding items on the posted agenda may do so at Presentation of Citizens. For items posted with a Public Hearing, the Commission requests that members of the public hold their comments until the item is presented for consideration. Members of the public wishing to address matters not listed on the posted agenda may do so at Presentation of Citizens. Speakers are allotted two (2) minutes each and may not cede or pool time. Members of the public requiring the assistance of a translator will be given twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator to address the Commission. Speakers are encouraged to sign in to speak, but it is not required. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens.

Dripping Springs residents, Justin Cornett, and Kyle Shaffer, spoke regarding their concerns about the softball fields behind HEB. They expressed their opinion that the fields are neglected and there are no clear expectations for field use, especially for parking. They would appreciate clear communication as to what the usage fees go toward and what can be done to address their concerns about the condition of the fields.

MINUTES

1. **Approval of the November 6, 2023, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatright to approve the November 6, 2023, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Cloutier seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

2. **Presentation and update by Aaron Reed, Director of Public Works, on the irrigation of the athletic fields at Sports and Recreation Park and Founders Memorial Park.**

Aaron Reed provided an update on the status of irrigation of the athletic fields, staff report is on file. Construction is anticipated to take about nine months; therefore, lines are projected to be in place by this time next year.

3. **Discuss and consider the appointment of two Parks & Recreation Commissioners to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Committee.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright to appoint Commissioner Barnard and Commissioner Cloutier to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Committee. Commissioner Barnard seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

4. **Parks & Community Services Report**
Andrew Binz, PCS Director

PARKS COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the City's Parks. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

5. **Charro Ranch Park**
Commissioners Fushille & Fougerat
6. **Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioner Boatright
7. **Founders Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioners Barnard & Wright
8. **Rathgeber Natural Resource Park**
Commissioners Caldwell, Fushille & Fougerat

9. Sports & Recreation Park Committee
Commissioners Cloutier & Krueger

10. Veterans Memorial Park Committee
Commissioner Caldwell

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City of Dripping Springs Parks & Recreation Commission has the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). Items listed elsewhere in the agenda may be added to the Executive Agenda. The Commission may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session, and no action shall be taken during the Executive Session.

The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
February 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
March 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
December 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
January 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Cloutier to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Boatright seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.