

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2025

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
Tony Guerrero	Brad Bentsen
Chris Voss	Pete Lopez
Maggie Guajardo Pena	Pete Charles
Julissa Martin	Taylor Cavazos
Melissa Reyna	Rick Contreras

Call to Order

Tony Guerrero called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and quorum was met.

Prayer

Brad Bentsen led us in prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The Board Members approved the minutes for the November 12, 2024 Board meeting. Motion to approve was made by Julissa Martin and seconded by Maggie Guajardo. The motion to approve minutes passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

N/A

UPDATE OF PARKS

Parks employees assisted with several events throughout the City. Our successful Annual Christmas Lighting took place at La Placita, which the Parks guys helped decorate, clean up, and tear down for.

Parks Department assisted Sharyland ISD with their events, the Sharyland High School's Softball team worked on a project for the butterfly garden at the Bannworth Park by replacing several native butterfly plants. Also provided bleachers for Sharyland Academic Academy for a winter

festival, and provided portable restrooms for Sharyland Pioneer High School for their first annual BBQ cook off.

Helped Mission Chamber of Commerce with their annual market with set up and tear down of their market at La Placita.

The Parks employees are currently installing playground from Lopez Park at Hinojosa Park.

The Strike Team continues their projects at Lions Park. They have completed and installed 10 picnic concrete tables, the aluminum tables under the Pavilion, 30 trash cans, 14 new BBQ pits, painted Bankshot goals, and completed the Lions Park sign all in preparation for the ribbon cutting next Thursday.

The homeless problem at the parks continues as the homeless have been staying in the restrooms. The Parks guys have been instructed by PD to pick up their items and keep them at the Recreation center for a week and then discard the items to help control the homeless population staying at the Parks.

UPDATE OF RECREATION

A total of 4,000 people attended our Mayors Annual Christmas Lighting at La Placita Park with a total of 40 food and craft vendors and RGV Jurassic dinosaurs and other live entertainment.

The Recreation Department is currently working on putting together our Annual Texas Citrus 5k at the Hike and Bike Trails. So far 95 runners have registered.

La Placita and the Recreation Gyms were rented out for markets this month.

Still dealing with issues with field rentals, people using the fields without contracts, double booking, and renters not abiding to rules and times permitted.

Another ongoing issue is the soccer academies using open land at parks to host their academies and making profit for free. No one there to regulate.

Pete Charles suggested increasing fees on field rentals, La Placita, tennis courts and tournaments, and BPP tournament fees. For tennis tournaments he suggested to increase the rates from \$500 to \$800, Bentsen Palm Park Tournaments from \$1,100 to \$1,500, and markets at La Placita from \$300 to \$800.

He also suggested hiring a park ranger to eliminate a lot of the problems with field and tennis court rentals.

Aquatics Update

Lap swimming continues at the Bannworth Pool.

The USA swim team still practicing as they get ready for upcoming swim meets.

No update on homeschool students using the pool facility.

New Business

Currently preparing for the ribbon cutting at Lions Park. In the future, Council suggested moving the Christmas Lighting to Lions Park instead of La Placita. One of the main concerns of having it at Lions Park is a lack of parking and electricity.

A current concern is the grass/field at Shimotsu City school park being destroyed by the soccer academy that practices there more than 3 times a week. The constant practicing in that area, has caused the school to no longer have a yard with grass and is just mud when it rains. This academy alone is making about \$7,000 a month on city/school owned property for free, so a new system or someone to monitor needs to be put into place.

Currently looking to install lights at Hinojosa School Park.

One of the main concerns of the Department is the fees and monitoring the tennis court rentals, soccer academies, markets, and baseball tournaments. For the soccer academies to prevent the grass from continuing to get ruined in those areas, the Department will try to fertilize and water the grass so the area is unplayable and hopefully allow it to regrow.

For the coaching problem at the Birdwell tennis courts, it was suggested to have a meeting with all three coaches to come to an agreement on the pricing and time slots available for coaching. A new rental contract should be made with new restrictions and consequences/strikes if the coaches do not follow these rules.

In order to help monitor the tennis courts in the evenings it was suggested to reach out to UTRGV's Recreation Department or Work Study Program to see if there are some students who can come out to the tennis courts to monitor while receiving hours/credits towards their program. Another option would be to hire a part-time four-hour employee to be able to monitor the courts in the evening while we do not have a Proshop at the courts.

As of today, the Board did not vote or agree on anything, but in the future, we will have to come back and address the increase in fees and conditions on the contracts for these rentals.

Old Business

Still working with Precinct 2 on the connectivity trails, the City is contributing a total of \$1 million to the project.

Adjournment

Recorder did not record the Adjournment.

**MINUTES FOR THE
MISSION CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
December 20, 2024**

Commission-Present

Polo Garza-Chairman

Jerry Saenz-Vice-Chair-A

Guillermo Delgadillo-Member

Staff Present

Jesse Lerma Jr-CS Director

Noemi Munguia-HR Director

Mike Silva-Fire Chief

Leeroy Garcia-FF Union President

Call to Order

Mr. Polo Garza called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes-November 25, 2024

Mr. Lerma submitted the minutes for review. After a brief discussion, Mr. Delgadillo made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Garza seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Mission Fire Department LT'S Promotional Examination Scores and the Creation of a New Eligibility List

Mr. Lerma advised the Commission that they had conducted the promotional examination for the Mission Fire Department on December 12, 2024. He advised them three (3) individuals participated and all failed. After a brief discussion, Mr. Delgadillo made a motion to approve the scores and to start the process for a 2nd exam. Mr. Garza seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Mission Fire Department Examination Schedule for LT (2nd Attempt)

Mr. Lerma advised the Commission that they were recommending the following schedule for approval:

1. Post Resource List-December 20, 2024
2. 30 Day Notice-January 10, 2025
3. Last day to Submit MOI-January 31, 2025
4. Date of Examination-February 13, 2025

After a brief discussion, Mr. Delgadillo made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Mr. Garza seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Mission Fire Department Examination List for LT (2nd Attempt)

Mr. Lerma advised the Commission that they were recommending the following sources for approval:

1. Building Construction Related to the Fire Service, 4th Edition
2. Fire and Emergency Service Company Officer, 6th Edition
3. Fire Officer Coaching, Revised 2nd Edition

After a brief discussion, Mr. Delgadillo made a motion to approve the sources as presented. Mr. Garza seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Pending Business

Mr. Lerma went over the pending CS training set up for late January and advised them of pending PD hearings.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.