

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2023

<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
Tony Guerrero	Brad Bentsen
Chris Voss	Pete Lopez
Jesus Mendiola	Ricardo Contreras
Mark Minton	Juan Carlos Calderon
	Taylor Cavazos

Call to Order

Tony Guerrero called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and quorum was met.

Prayer

Chriss Voss led us in prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The Board Members approved the minutes for the August 8, 2023 Board meeting. Motion to approve was made by Mark Minton and seconded by Chriss Voss. The motion to approve minutes passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Peter Geddes was in attendance to represent the STX CTA to discuss the future of the pro shop/tennis center at the Birdwell Tennis Courts.

The goal would be to get the blessing and funds from the City but if funds are not provided fundraising options are available.

The STX CTA organization is interested in helping to raise funds for the construction of the tennis pro shop, along with helping to manage the tennis courts and control the inventory of the pro shop.

Ideas that were discussed to help fundraise were a Gala at the Mission Event Center that would also serve as an auction for the naming of each tennis court, and host a tennis tournament which the CTA would help facilitate.

To discuss further, the Parks Advisory Board scheduled an evening meeting on September 26th at the Shary Golf Course to go over plans for the pro shop and the CTA's participation to hopefully come to an agreement to bring to city council.

UPDATE OF PARKS

Parks staff planted about 50 plants and helped with the landscape at the Recycling Center.

Continued pressure washing the Bannworth Pavilion in preparation for it to be primed and painted. Pigeon spikes have also been added to the pavilion to detour the pigeons, there is also discussion of adding a fence around pavilion to keep out the ducks.

Parks Staff assisted the Facility Department install lights on the picnic pavilions and the Bannworth Park.

Helped the library with the buildings landscape for the ribbon cutting of the Health Departments Tool Rental program.

Provided assistance at the Mission High School vs. Veterans High School games of the week tailgate, and also the Parks and Recreation Departments Music at the Park.

Marked the Madero Park for Juan Diego Academy and the Bentsen Palm Park for the Boys and Girls Club Flag Football.

UPDATE OF RECREATION

Pickleball is growing as we currently have an average of 45 participants on Monday nights, the Pickleball players are also wanting to want to come in on Friday nights to play Pickleball at the Recreation Facility.

There is also an interest from a group to play Ping-Pong, they are currently interested in playing Monday and Wednesdays at Parks and Recreation. We currently have ping pong tables in storage that could be used for this program.

The Parks and Recreation Gyms were rented to host three different events this month.

As of right now, there is currently still one team pending in order to start the Wednesday night Basketball league. There are also 4 other teams that are interested in a Monday Night League.

Recreation department is currently working on putting together a co-ed kickball tournament.

CWV and Bentsen Palm Park were both rented for tournaments this month.

The Parks and Recreation basketball gym is being rented on a daily basis.

The Hike and Bike Trails were rented 3 times this month for 5k races.

Currently, the Recreation Supervisor position is still pending, once budget is released it will then be determined if there will be a new position available such as a Deputy Director or if we will fill the existing Recreation Supervisor position.

Aquatics Update

Swim passes are currently selling at a steady demand while lap swimming continues in the morning and afternoon ranging from 8-25 people.

The Bannworth Pool is currently being used by Sharyland High School in the morning and Veterans High School in the afternoon.

The Mission Marlins USA swim team has a swim meet this upcoming weekend in Alice, participants travel on their own and the coaches get transported through the City.

Pigeons and ducks are causing a disturbance and leaving the facility dirty by entering through the garage door and getting in the pool, further discussion will take place to try to resolve this issue.

As of right now the Bannworth Pool has an age restriction of 16 years and above to participate in lap swimming due to previous incidents of younger swimmers causing a distraction to other swimmers. However, after a complaint from a parent whose child is 12 years old, it was brought up to the board if it would be possible to lower the age requirement, but after discussion the board agreed to keep the age at 16 and encourage those younger to join the Mission USA swim team which would then allow them use pool during the lap swimming hours.

Other Business

Discussed various errors at Lions Park by the contractor along with the new developments at the park such as the infrastructure for the sanitary and storm drain that have been installed, and all the brick and cinder block that is on site ready to go up for the restrooms.

Recreation Assistant Gladys Guevara and Director Brad Bentsen attended a Texas Parks and Wildlife Seminar to learn about different grants and funding that are available that could further expand our recreation programs.

Discussed the possibility of moving the summer archery program indoors due to concern from the Archery instructor and the summer heat.

Talked about the \$500,000 grant from the Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation to create the underground trails from Los Ebanos Rd to Taylor Rd. Hoping to break ground on this project sometime in October.

Adjournment

Jesus Mendiola made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by **Chriss Voss**. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 10, 2023
Regular Meeting

Members Present

Lorenzo Garza, Chairman
Zoreida Lopez, Vice-Chairwoman
Roxanne Mendez
Marsha Terry
Francisco Cadena

Members Absent

Cynthia Pacheco
Alma Garcia

Staff Present

Jo Anne Longoria
Esther G. Rivera

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Chairman Lorenzo Garza called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Jo Anne Longoria conducted the roll call. She stated five (5) members were present, therefore there was a quorum.

Citizens Participation

Chairman Garza asked if there were any citizens present who wanted to express their concerns at this Regular Meeting. With no one present and no comments, Chairman Garza continued with the next agenda item.

Discussion and Recommendation to Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2023

Ms. Jo Anne Longoria presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2023. There being no questions or comments, Chairman Garza asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Marsha Terry motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Vice-Chairwoman Zoreida Lopez seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5-0)

Discussion and Recommendation on CDBG-CV Funding

Ms. Longoria presented the CDBG-CV Expenditure Report. She provided an update on the agencies and departments with balances and pending expenses. Ms. Longoria inquired if they had any questions or recommendations. Chairman Garza and members present recommended waiting for the Fiscal Year to close out on September 30, 2023, and presenting the final report at the second CAC meeting of October tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2023. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza continued with the next agenda item. No action was taken.

Presentation on Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Phase 22-II Construction Phase

Ms. Rivera presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Phase 22-II Construction Phase. She showed the construction pictures for three (3) projects HAP Phase 22-II: 202 E. El Ranchito Road at 30% complete; 917 Rankin Street at 30% complete; and 4027 E. Beatty Street at 30% complete. After a brief discussion, Chairman Garza continued with the next agenda item. No action was taken.

Other Business

A. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Garza had no comments

B. Committee Member's Comments

Ms. Marsha Terry recommended that the CDBG staff set up a WhatsApp account to facilitate communication with CAC members for future meetings or events. After a brief discussion on the matter, members agreed with the recommendation. No other comments were made by the other members present.

Adjourn

Chairman Garza asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Roxanne Mendez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairwoman Zoreida Lopez seconded. Motion carried (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Lorenzo Garza, Chairman