

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 12:00 PM

City Council Chambers | 202 N. Virginia Street, Port Lavaca TX 77979

**MINUTES**

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CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, the Recreation and Parks Board of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in regular and workshop session at 12:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place in Council Chambers at City Hall, 202 North Virginia Street, Port Lavaca, Texas and at the Wilson Park, 826 Seadrift Street, Port Lavaca, Texas with the following members in attendance:

**ROLL CALL**

Mac Sistrunk

Olga Szela

Mark Howell

Chairman

Vice Chairwoman

Board Member

And with the following absent:

William "Bill" Reagan

Jean Wehmeyer

Board Member

Board Member

Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time the following business was transacted:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Member Mac Sistrunk called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and presided.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - *(Limited to 3 minutes per individual unless permission to speak longer is received in advance. You may make public comments as you would at a meeting by logging on with your computer and using "Join Zoom Meeting" information on first page of this agenda).*

**1. General discussion and hear statements from citizens.**

Chair Member Mac Sistrunk advised the next meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place.

Rose Bland Stewart, a Port Lavaca citizen, was present. She told the board that she felt that more outdoor activities/places needed to be discussed and put in action for young kids. She said that she would like to see a fully covered basketball court at one of the city parks. She stated she felt it would be highly utilized if one was placed here locally. The board listened to her input and discussed possibilities for future planning.

**2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held April 19, 2023.**

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 19, 2023.

Second by Board Member Howell.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Howell

**3. Receive Parks & Recreation Operations and Maintenance report from Director of Public Works.**

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer did not attend the meeting. The Parks Superintendent, Edward “Eddie” Tyler reported that they park’s crew has been maintaining regular maintenance at all the parks. He stated they completed the inspection report at all the parks.

**4. Receive Monthly Inspections Report from Public Works Department.**

The board reviewed the inspections report for May. Tyler mentioned that in January 2024, the Public Works Department was sending a few employees to get certified to conduct inspections on park equipment.

**5. Receive update on park assignments from park board members.**

Chairman Mac Sistrunk’s Park assignments are Bayfront Park and Claret Crossing Park. He said both parks looked very good and clean. He mentioned that the trash pile at Claret Crossing Park had been cleared and that now the park looked much better. Sistrunk mentioned that they Bayfront Park looked very busy when he went to visit the park.

Board Member Olga Szela’s Park assignments are City Park and Butterfly Park. She reported that both parks look good overall. She mentioned that City Park looked very clean, and the new sign looked very good. She stated that everything looked good for the Butterfly Park.

Board Member Mark Howell’s Park assignment is George Adams Park. Howell stated the park overall looks very good. He stated that the only issue he noticed was that the commode in the women’s restroom was not flushing.

**6. Receive financial status report on the Parks Recreation Department**

The financial status report was not in the packet. No discussion was made regarding this item.

**7. Receive status report on the Improvements project at Wilson Park.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver told the board that this project is moving along as planned. She stated that the parking lot and sidewalks were completed by Silvas Construction.

**8. Receive status report on the mural project at Lighthouse Beach.**

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver stated this project was on pause due to the rain. Weaver explained that the goal was for Michael Sanchez to finish the project by the end of May.

**9. Consider and discuss exercise court at the Bayfront Park.**

Bobby Medina, Lighthouse Beach Attendant, presented this item. He told the board that there was grant money available through the National Fitness Camp Campaign. He stated that wanted to see if an exercise court would be something that the board would be interested in pursuing. If the board showed interest staff could work this project further to possibly bring in an exercise court to Bayfront Park or possibly another city park.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela,

THAT, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approved continuation of initial inquiry with companies and organizations in the community to see if they are willing to participate. .

Second by Board Member Howell.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Howell

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela,

Second by Chairman Sistrunk.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk and Vice Chairwoman Szela

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 P.M.

**WORKSHOP CALL TO ORDER**

10. Tour City Park Facility (Wilson).

Item was not discussed.

**ADJOURN**

These minutes were approved on June 21, 2023

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Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary