

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: February 6, 2023

Topic:

Discussion and recommendation for appointing members to a focus group for the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan.

Background:

The City engaged Four and One LLC, Landscape Architecture to complete the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan. Staff is recommending the creation of a focus group to assist in the development of the master plan.

The purpose of the focus group is to help develop the vision to “Recreate” the Tomball Parks system over the next 10 years. The primary role of the group is to serve as the voice for Tomball residents and stakeholder groups throughout the master plan process and provide valuable insight into the various experiences and needs for park users. The Focus Group meetings will provide an in-depth discussion with a select group of experts and constituents on specific topics. This will allow the project team to leverage the community’s existing knowledge to collect as much pertinent information as possible in a comfortable, open forum. Participants will represent a myriad of community partners, non-profits, business owners and volunteers. Throughout the process, the Focus Group will be the project team’s primary support in spreading the word about engagement and answering questions about local knowledge and City culture.

The following list represents a wide array of individuals staff is recommending for the Focus Group, that we feel would assist in the development of the master plan. This is being presented to Council for consideration and discussion.

Amanda Kelly	Tomball Farmers Market
Jim Weatherford	Representing Pickleball
Tina Salem	Representing Tennis
Raymond Francois	Tourism Advisory Committee
Jeanne Foster, President	Tomball Little League
Simon Boddison, Director of Operations	Dynamo Dash
Shane Boatman, Chairman	Chamber of Commerce
Kelly Violette, Director	Economic Development Corporation
Latrell Shannon	Resident, former Parks Board
Craig Bogner, Executive Director	Tomball Sister City Organization
Jeffrey Klein, CEO, or designated representative	Tomball Regional Health Foundation
Teresa Latsis	Downtown Property/Business Owner

Jerome Teichmiller, President, or designated representative	Lions Club
Eric Lunsford, President, or designated representative	Tomball Rotary
Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, or designated representative	Tomball Independent School District
Joel Bode, or designated representative	Concordia Lutheran High School

Staff is also requesting Council submit any names or additional representatives that could aid us in serving on the focus group.

Origination: Public Works Department

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the individual selections for the Focus Group for the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Meagan Mageo, Project Manager

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account # _____ To account # _____

Signed Meagan Mageo Approved by _____
Staff Member Date City Manager Date