



PARKS BOARD MEETING 10/29/24 MINUTES

City Hall, 120 El Chico Trl., Suite A, Willow Park, TX 76087

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ever Gomez, Board Chair.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Quorum confirmed.

PRESENT

David Wagner
Corey Tucker
Ever Gomez
James McKibben
Cynthia White
Barry Noggle

Ex-Officio, Lea Young, present.

Staff present:

Toni Fisher, ACM - Development

Mandy McCarley - Parks Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to three minutes per person)

Residents may address the Council regarding an item that is not listed on the agenda. Residents must complete a speaker form and turn it in to the City Secretary five (5) minutes before the start of the meeting. The Rules of Procedure states that comments are to be limited to three (3) minutes. The Texas Open Meetings Act provides the following:

A. If, at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by this subchapter, the notice provisions of this subchapter do not apply to:

- (1) A statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or
- (2) A recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry.

B. Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Parks Board Meeting Minutes: August 6, 2024.

Minutes approved with David's comments below:

On page 2 (of 5), Agenda Items, 2. Discussion & Action: purchase of Security Camera for Cross Timbers Park.: The 4th paragraph notes a concern I raised. I think that paragraph needs to be revised to better convey the concern and resultant discussion. My concern was use of the camera to identify vandals, In that regard, I asked if signs should be emphasized less so that the cameras could capture acts of vandalism, and that the City should then prosecute such vandals. The discussion then shifted to potential efforts/concerns about prosecution. The point (by others) was that the signs may be an easier option than law enforcement actions, prosecution, etc.

My point was to avoid giving vandals too much warning. We all know destructive vandalism is wrong. The current wording implies concern about warning to "patrons" using the park facilities. The discussion was about vandals, which is only a small subset of "patrons". As I write this, I actually favor notifying park visitors about use of cameras. Seems like any form of potentially intrusive monitoring by government warrants notification to citizens.

There is also the secondary point about proactive law enforcement action in the event of vandalism. I think it is fair to say I favor it more than some others. I understand the points they noted, but do not agree with them on this particular aspect. Please note that really applies to follow up actions as opposed to use of cameras. And this can be seen in the vote, which was unanimous.

Motion made by White, Seconded by Tucker.
Voting Yea: Wagner, Gomez, McKibben

AGENDA ITEMS

None.

INFORMATIONAL

2. Staff would like to introduce the new Parks Director, Mandy McCarley. Mandy will be taking over the duties for all city parks, including all upcoming programming and improvements.

Toni Fisher introduced Mandy McCarley as the new Parks Director.

3. Parks Board Places 1, 3, and 5 are expiring in January 2025. Those places are currently occupied by Lea Young, Ex-Officio, James McKibbin, and David Wagner. All interested persons for appointment/reappointment consideration should contact Mandy McCarley, Parks Director, at City Hall for applications and submittals. Mayor Moss will make appointments at the City Council meeting in January 2025.

Ms. Fisher announced that Board positions of Place 1 (Ex-Officio), Place 3, and Place 5 are expiring in January 2025, stated that applications for these appointments/reappointments should be submitted to City Staff, for mayoral appointment at January 2025 City Council meeting.

4. Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 10/29/24 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss potential future improvements to the parks and the preferred order of their priorities. This will be decided by city staff by a culmination of information from the Town Hall Meeting and surveys provided to the public.

Board appointments will take place at the January City Council meeting and the next regularly scheduled Parks Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Willow Park City Hall.

Lea Young, Ex-Officio, explained that a Town Hall Meeting would take place on 10.29.24, which would allow residents the opportunity to voice what they might like to have in our Parks system.

ADJOURNMENT

As authorized by Section 551.127, of the Texas Government Code, one or more Council Members or employees may attend this meeting remotely using video conferencing technology.

Meeting was adjourned by Ever Gomez, Board Chair, at 6:07 p.m.

CERTIFICATION I, the undersigned authority, does hereby certify that this Notice of a Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 120 El Chico Trail, Suite A, Willow Park, TX 76087, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: OCTOBER 25, 2024, at or before 5:00 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours before said meeting is to convene.

/s/

Mandy McCarley, Parks Director

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THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED:

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PARKS BOARD CHAIR/CO-CHAIR	DATE