



Parks and Recreation Board

Virtual Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95286050896>

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Robinson called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Board Member Swendig, Board Member Suarez, Board Member Willeford, Board Member Allen, and Board Member Stewart in attendance. Board Member Mullis was absent from the virtual meeting.

Staff members virtually present were Parks and Recreation Director Robert Diaz, and Parks Board Secretary Janet Hawkes.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens came forward.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes from the March 15, 2021 virtual regular Meeting.**

Board Action:

Board Member Allen made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 15, 2021 virtual regular Meeting. Board Member Suarez seconded the motion, and a vote was taken and passed 6-0.

- 2. Consider and act upon the naming of Woodbridge Park to Don Herzog Park.**

This park is currently being constructed in the Woodbridge Subdivision. Daryl Herzog, son of the late Don Herzog, is requesting the park be named after his father. Don Herzog was a local developer who was instrumental in all of the Woodbridge developments in Wylie and Sachse. Don Herzog's last project prior to his passing was the Woodbridge home and townhome developments where the park in question is located. In addition to being a developer in the Wylie area for over 20 years, Don Herzog also was a U.S. Army Veteran and contributed to the Wylie Chamber of Commerce.

After much discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that they were not in favor of naming the Woodbridge Park after anyone specific, and that they preferred Don Herzog be honored by way of a memorial plaque, bench, or tree within the vicinity of the Woodbridge Park.

Board Action:

Board Member Stewart made a motion to deny the agenda item to consider and act upon the naming of Woodbridge Park to Don Herzog Park. Board Member Suarez seconded the motion, and a vote was taken and passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Founders Park Master Plan update.**

The plan consultants, Halff and Associates provided several phase options for Founders Park. This information was presented to the Bond Committee during its last meeting, and their consensus was to consider funding approximately half of the \$20 million dollar project, focusing primarily on improvements to the west side of the park, including additional parking, pedestrian access, and some field upgrades. Staff presented Phase 1.1 and 1.2 which include options for leaving the Pirate Cove playground as is or moving it, additional parking, moving of the service road to the park's west side, construction of the plaza area, and field upgrades on the west side of the park.

The Board noted that field improvements and expanded parking for Founders Park should be a priority for a possible Bond project. Director Diaz advised that regardless of the Bond Committee's decision to include or not to include the Founders Park improvements in the Bond Election, the project could possibly be completed using other city funding sources as it becomes available.

- **Bond Committee update.**

The Bond Committee is considering some Founders Park improvements. The Lavon Lake improvements, indoor/outdoor aquatics, and Senior Center expansion are likely candidates to be included in the bond recommendations.

The proposed Senior Center expansion being considered for a bond project would be for an additional 5,000-10,000 square feet at the cost of \$9 to \$10 million dollars. If approved in the Bond Election, the new building would be constructed adjacent to the existing building.

The United States Army Corp of Engineers Lavon Lake Manager will be meeting with the City Manager regarding future development of the Eastfork and Avalon Parks. It was noted that all projects on Lavon Lake would have to be approved by the United States Army Corp of Engineers.

The Bond Committee will meet next on May 20, 2021 and possibly one more time in June, with a final council recommendation for bond projects during the City Council's June 22 regular meeting.

- **Project updates.**

The Twin Lakes/Southbrook Trail Connection project is complete. After receiving funding approval for \$62,000 from the City Council in April, staff is working on plans for a new playground installation this summer.

The final draft of the Founders Park Master Plan will be reviewed by the Board in an upcoming meeting..

Staff secured a vendor for construction of the accessible ramp installation and recent ice storm damage at the Brown House

The Avalon Park Fence project was completed with some post project cleanup still ongoing. In addition, new soccer goals were added to the practice fields.

The Aquatics Feasibility Study is underway and the next joint meeting with the City Council will take place on May 25, 2021. This study is expected to be completed during the summer of 2021.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Allen. Board Member Swendig seconded the motion, and a vote was taken and passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST

Janet Hawkes, Parks Board Secretary

Joni Robinson, Parks Board Chairperson