



## Parks and Recreation Board

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 12, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Wylie Municipal Complex  
300 Country Club Road #100  
Wylie, Texas 75098**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

#### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

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No citizens came forward.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

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- 1. Consider and act upon the approval of the Minutes from the June 14, 2021 meeting.**

##### **Board Action:**

Board Member Mullis made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 14, 2021 meeting. Board Member Allen seconded the motion, and a vote was taken and passed 5-0.

- 2. Consider and act upon a vendor application for the Wylie ISD Council of PTA's "Back to the Future" back to school event at Olde City Park on September 25, 2021.**

##### **Board Action:**

Board Member Mullis made a motion to approve the Wylie ISD Council of PTA's "Back to the Future" back to school event at Olde City Park on September 25, 2021. Board Member Stewart seconded the motion, and a vote was taken and passed 5-0.

#### **WORK SESSION**

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- WSI. Bond update.**

Director Diaz reviewed the Bond Committee's recommended priority list as well as the estimated yearly tax increase to homeowners shown on the spreadsheet included in the Board packet. He also discussed the outcome of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> work session between the Bond Committee and City

Council. During this work session the Bond Committee discussed their recommendations with the City Council for prioritized items they felt should be included in the upcoming bond election.

Director Diaz explained to the Board that even though Lavon Lake park development was a high priority, the City Council consensus was that there were currently too many challenges in coordinating an agreement with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (who own and operate Lavon Lake parks), to be able to include adding any Lavon Lake park development as part of the bond package. It was also noted that the City Council also preferred the Lavon Lake study be complete and presented to the Council prior to considering adding this project to a bond election. City Council decided that the culvert/bridge repair and downtown improvements should not be included in the bond election because they felt they were small enough projects to be funded out of the general fund. Possible improvements suggested in the Founders Park Master Plan were not discussed. The Senior Center expansion project presented included data from the 2018 study, but the City Council did not support the idea of including it in the bond election. Director Diaz advised the Board that there are improvement options for the Senior Center that could possibly be funded out of 4B funds, 4B revenue bonds and/or the General Fund. City Council Members were still considering a possible aquatic feature of some kind (indoor or outdoor pool, spray park, etc.) in the bond election.

City Council will finalize their decision as to what will be included in the upcoming bond election during their next regular meeting scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation Board Members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

- **WS2. Project updates.**

Due to receiving the grant reimbursement from Collin County, a mid-year budget adjustment was completed allowing for the funding of the new playground at Twin Lakes Park. The new playground is estimated to be completed by September of 2021.

Ice storm 2021 repairs and the ADA ramp install has begun at the Brown House, with an expected completion date by summer's end. Staff has chosen one vendor to install the ADA ramp and repair the interior damage. Any future plans to expand the parking lot behind the Brown House will likely fall into the 2021/2022 fiscal year budget. By January 2022 staff plans to open the Brown House as a visitor's center. The primary function of the visitor center will be community awareness of historical structures and promotion of the Parks and Recreation Department and the City. As part of the visitor center a store will be included and staffed by part-time employees Tuesday through Saturday, maintaining a similar schedule to other downtown businesses.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Allen. Board Member Mullis seconded the motion, and a vote was taken and passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

## **ATTEST**

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Janet Hawkes, Parks Board Secretary

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Joni Robinson, Parks Board Chairperson