



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

*****Minutes*****

May 21, 2018

12:00 PM

City Hall Council Chamber

300 West Cotton Street

1. Call to Order – Invocation and Introduction

Dale Alderman calls the meeting to order.

Emily Zentz gives the invocation.

2. Citizen Comments

No Citizen Comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. April 30, 2018

No quorum. Minutes to be approve at June 25 2018 meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Recreation Report

B. Parks Maintenance Report

C. Liaison Report

D. Parks and Recreation Director Report

Scott Caron gives updates on park projects, events, and reviews the handouts. Late registration for Adult Softball starts next Friday. More people have signed up during late registration than in registration. The swimming pools open next weekend. City staff has worked hard to increase the number of special events at the pools. One event is a Meet the Guard Night on June 1st. There is also a Boat Race in July where you would build your own little boat and float it out and those kinds of things. Juneteenth will be celebrated on June 16th. Rec Day in the Park! was a success and we will try to do it again in the summer or early fall at another park that we have not chosen yet. Park Maintenance is getting ballfields, parks, and pavilions ready for the summer and the increased activity in our rentals and use of parks and trails. Staff continues to clear out underbrush that is overgrown in Park Property.

David Stanton asks if South of Teague was cleared a year or so ago.

Scott Caron says yes but we can't do that on private property. We were notified by the business across the street that wanted to have it cleared so we were able to coordinate and get it done.

Sometimes, even when the park property is not Park Property, it looks like it is because it is adjacent to it or on our side of a fence, etc.

David Stanton asks if the area backs up to Teague.

Scott Caron says yes, and continues with projects that staff continues to work on. The Arboretum contracts have been approved by City Council so we are waiting for the contractor to sign and get those back and we will have a preconstruction meeting and then get the

construction rolling. We anticipate that being in the next two weeks and it will be a 9-12 month construction depending on the weather, and having an opening in late spring.

Bruce Williams asks if construction plans for The Arboretum have been made public.

Scott Caron says yes and discusses with Board Members the construction plans and phases of the Arboretum. The plans include 7 acres of park development that has walking trails, bridges, some landscape beds, a hilltop pavilion, development of the stream, and a recirculating pond.

Scott Caron continues with the consent agenda and the Director Report.

David Stanton says that they did a great job of repairing the erosion around the creek on Julieanna Trail and clearing the downed trees. He is worried about the bridge being exposed.

Scott Caron says thank you and reviews how The City has to handle the downed trails by working with other departments and getting them out of the way of a trail, sidewalk, etc. as soon as possible but if it is not in the way of anything then we will leave it as part of nature.

5. Park Board Member Comments

Dale Alderman asks if The City can remove the hanging limbs that are over the Hinsley Park Disc Golf Course.

Scott Caron says that he will check on it and see what we can do to get them down.

Bruce Williams asks about the security issues at the Paul Boorman Trail head.

Scott Caron says it is very spotty and so it crops up for a little bit and then gets addressed or taken care of for whatever reason.

Bruce Williams asks if the Homeless Task Force walks the trails.

Scott Caron says yes. The Homeless Task Force works with a lot of outreach and so they do work themselves to identify areas but then also they get calls and emails and questions about different areas. One of the first things that the officers did was at our request was meet with the Parks staff and talk to them about the process and make sure we have that direct contact for the task force officers. They handle it two different ways. One is a report/complaint driven basis. And the other is by being proactive about getting out to the areas that have been identified as well.

Dale Alderman asks if The City has heard from the developers about the new park and the Hinsley Park property, and if the developers are coming back.

Scott Caron says yes and they are supposed to meet next week.

Laci McRee asks if this current board and its members have one more meeting.

Scott Caron says yes and the new Parks Advisory Board terms will start at the July meeting.

6. Return to Item 3, Approval of April 30, 2018 minutes.

Laci McRee arrived during item 5, giving the board enough members for a quorum.

Bruce Williams makes a motion to approve the April 30, 2018 minutes.

Dale Alderman seconds the motion.

All members are in favor. None are opposed.

The motion passes to approve the April 30, 2018 minutes.

7. Return to Item 5, Park Board Member Comments

Laci McRee and Scott Caron discuss the Boat and Float event at Ingram Pool.

8. Adjourn

Laci McRee adjourns the meeting.

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