



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2019
12:00 PM
City Hall Council Chamber
300 West Cotton Street**

Members Present:

Sherry Krueger
Richard Lazarus
Laci McRee
Mark Robinson
David Stanton
Joyce Williams

City Staff Present:

Scott Caron
Ray Bostick
Keith Bonds
Angie Shepard
Lily Duenas

- I. **Call to Order – Invocation & Introduction** – David Stanton called the meeting to order at 12:00. The invocation was led by Scott Caron, Director of Parks.
- II. **Citizen Comments** – There was one citizen and he requested to speak during that item (V. Park Land Dedication Ordinance).
- III. **Consent Agenda** - Scott Caron reviewed the handouts and gave an update on projects and events.
 - a. **Recreation Report**
 - b. **Parks Maintenance Report**
 - c. **Liaison Report**
 - d. **Parks and Recreation Director Report**

IV. Bond Election Projects

Scott Caron reviewed the projects and timeline.

The first series of bonds were sold on February 20 and funds deposited in the City's accounts. The total amount of the sale was \$50.53 million. From this amount, approximately \$17.5 million will be used for Parks projects.

Lear Park – The water play equipment has been installed and operating. Pavilions will be installed once they arrive. The remainder of Lear Park is in the study and report phase. Preliminary designs are scheduled for this fall.

Improve Current Park Facilities – Conceptual designs have been developed for each of the parks. Public meetings have been held on four of the parks and McWhorter scheduled for July 9. All of this input will assist in developing the preliminary design. The intent is to present these to the Parks Board in December for review.

Broughton Recreating Center - Staff is finalizing a contract. That kickoff meeting is scheduled for July 2.

Arboretum – City council approved a change order to spend an additional \$500,000 on the park. The remaining \$600,000 will be used for phase 2, which will include a pavilion and entry kiosks.

Cargill Long Trail – The consultant continues to work on utility conflicts. There are a number of gas lines and we have our engineers working on that now.

Over the past few weeks four different neighborhood meetings were held, one more scheduled at McWhorter Park. At each of those meetings the concept plan for each of the parks was revealed. Additional information and feedback was in the packet.

V. Park Land Dedication Ordinance

Scott Caron reviewed the Park Land Dedication and Park Land Dedication Manual.

The top 27 priorities from the 2015 Comprehensive Plan included the development of a parkland dedication ordinance. Over the past 18 months City staff has been working with a consultant, Fesses and Nichols Inc., to write a Unified Development Code (UDC) with a parkland dedication included. The UDC incorporates existing and adopted plans and standards into one easy to use document for development. We are in phase III and next this will go to Planning and Zoning, then to the City Council.

There are three ways the city can get park land. Donations of land to the city, issuing bonds, or through a dedication process such as this. This would be on the developers to issue park land in development. We looked at our current standards, you can't ask a developer to put in things of high caliber than what you currently have. We have 295 acres of park land. There has to be standards because we do not want small parcels, less than 5 acres, due to the cost to maintain.

Park Land Dedication and Development Process
Fee in lieu of land, \$253 per dwelling unit.
Five acres minimum or required land dedication, whichever is greater
Parks must meet guideline and accepted by PARD
Suitable for recreation activities
Adjacent to a street
6 acre park would cost about \$800,000 to develop
138 dwelling units
\$1,123 per household to improve a park in that area.

The funds collected would only be used in that area.

Chris Hall – President of East Texas Builders Association. – Our organization has been reviewing the UDC. We have 4 committees with 6 on each committee. The review of the parks dedication, we believe this will increase the cost by \$4,128 per house. We want to grow Longview but don't put the cost on the developer. They will move out of the ETJ. This is a burden on the homeowner as well. This portion of the UDS was not included in Tyler. We need to keep Longview homes affordable. We are glad to be a part of the Longview development and are opposed to the Parks Dedication in the UDS.

This board will need to decide to vote it up or down, and then it will go to Planning and Zoning.

The Board would like to have more time to review this Ordinance.

Motion was made by David Stanton to table until the July Meeting.

Motion was seconded by Sherry Krueger.

VI. Park Board Member Comments

VII. Adjourn

David Stanton adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

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