



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

July 22, 2019

12:00 PM

City Hall Council Chamber

300 West Cotton Street

Members present:

Laci McRee
David Stanton
Sherry Krueger
Mark Robinson

City Staff present:

Scott Caron
Ray Bostick
Seth Pyle
Keith Bonds
Kelli Davenport

I. Call to Order- Invocation & Introduction

Scott Caron, Director of Parks calls the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and leads the invocation.

II. Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. June 24, 2019

No motion was made as the minutes were not completed due to a change in staff. They will be included in next month's meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda- Scott Caron reviewed the handouts and gave status reports for ongoing projects.

- a. Recreation Report**
- b. Parks Maintenance Report**
- c. Liaison Report**
- d. Parks and Recreation Director Report**

V. Bond Election Projects

Scott Caron reviewed the projects and timeline.

Lear Park- The water play equipment, pirates and western theme sections have been completed. 2 additional pavilions have been installed making a total of 4 that can be reserved. That leaves the 1 large pavilion that is does not allow to be reserved to accommodate the public to still have access to a pavilion for shade while the others are

in use. For the months of June, July, August all 4 pavilions have been reserved at all time slots that were available. Also, 2 additional baseball and 2 additional softball fields have been completed. The plans for the artificial turf on the soccer field in currently in process. Preliminary report received, looking to have final designs later this winter and going to bid this spring.

Broughton Rec Center. - Contracts should be routed this week to be signed.

Arboretum –The funds originally intended to be spent between April & June, but that has been delayed due to the Arboretum chose not to purchase the 706 Cotton St. property. Fund will still be spent but will be later in the year. City Council approved that all of the \$1.5 million bond funds will be used on the park itself.

Cargill Trail – Staff met with the pipeline, around 2 weeks prior, trying to come to an agreement. There are 2 pipelines that are in conflict, that are not currently in service but could be at any time. Just need to secure an agreement to make sure we provide coverage on them.

Park Improvements- Based on input from the residents according to the plans so far and what they favor/prefer for each park. Final designs should be complete and presented to the board for review by end of the year.

Lois Jackson- Main comment from residents is the need for a skate park/BMX. Based on playground equipment the climbers were the favorite. The people were asked about what their thoughts were about removing the racquetball court and everyone who attended was supportive of the removal. Therefore, will move forward with the removal.

Patterson Park- Main issue was erosion. The primary playground equipment they would like to see is climbers. Preferred material on the retaining wall was Quarry Block.

Spring Creek- Drainage along Audrey St. is main concern. Playground equipment they favored was the climbers. They were asked how often Basketball court was used and based on feedback it is used frequently.

Stamper Park- Residents not interested in a trail, therefore taking out the trail in the plans. They loved the move of the Basketball court and adding a pavilion. One big thing in question was what they wanted to do about Pecan street that ran right through the middle of the park and based on the feedback they have elected to make it one whole park overall. The major feedback request here was additional restrooms.

McWhorter Park- Main feedback request was Bike/Pump Track features. The community felt like the volleyball court/basketball court and playground for ages 5-12 was placed in the right spot. The playground will be split and separated by age so that the 2-5 age will be on the south side of the pavilion. Hope to also add parking to the north side by the ball fields.

VI. Park Land Dedication Ordinance

Scott Caron reviewed the Park Land Dedication and Park Land Dedication Manual. The intent is not to increase the amount of park land you have available to your residents, it is there to say that anytime you are increasing your population, those people have the same access to what is currently observed by your community. They should have the access to all city services that all other residents have, inside the city limits.

David Stanton motions to accept the report.

Sherry Krueger seconds.

All in favor. None opposed.

The motion passes to approve the Park Land Dedication Ordinance and Parkland Dedication manual.

VII. Park Board Member Comments

Mark Robinson asks about Paula Martin Jones Rec Center alternate summer schedule. Concerned about the rental has increased but the daily visits have decreased. Just wondering if it has been utilized or if it is doing any good.

Scott Caron mentioned there will be a report in August and a recommendation on moving forward. He mentions that there is mixed attendance so far, but feels it has been received well so far.

VIII. Adjourn

David Stanton adjourned the meeting @12:46 p.m.

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