



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 8th, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Rowlett Community Centre**  
**5300 Main Street, \* Rowlett, Texas 75088**  
**Room D**

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**PRESENT:** Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Ronnie Miller, Matt Grubisich, Debby Bobbit, Jack Rinz

**ABSENT:** Norman Scown, Norman Tsao, Donn Gilray, Jr., Gabriel Palma, Ken Romaine, Erica Moss

**VISITORS:** N/A

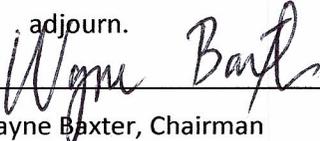
**STAFF:** Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation

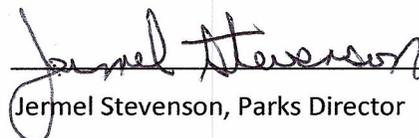
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1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
2. Jack Rinz will be a regular voting member.
3. Ron Miller motioned to approve minutes from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Matt Grubisich seconded the motion, 5-0 approve.
4. Nominations taken for the Chair and Vice Chair for the 2010-2011 Parks Advisory Board term.
  - a. Motion by Matt Grubisich to select Wayne Baxter as Chair and Lonnie Cornwell as Vice Chair of the Parks Advisory Board, seconded by Ron Miller, 4-0 in favor.
5. Jermel gave update on the KaBOOM! Playground build.
  - a. We had a great turnout for the Kenwood Heights playground build and we offer thanks to this board for all the hard work from all of you.
  - b. We have an application in for another build. We are talking to KaBOOM right now about the location. Jermel shared with the Board that our income by KaBOOM's standards is at the higher end so we will have to see if this will work.
  - c. There are many things we can pull from KaBOOM, other than playground builds.
  - d. Lonnie commented on the short amount of time it seemed to build the park.
  - e. Wayne stated that the Firefighter association did give \$350.00 toward the park.
  - f. Matt asked if there were any restrictions on how many times you can apply for a park build. Jermel stated that we can apply but we do make a lot of money per capita.
  - g. Lonnie stated that we should consider ourselves very fortunate to have received this playground at Kenwood Heights.
  - h. Wayne stated that the Board has a \$50 gift card and they will put another \$50 with it to give all those that that donated a chance to win and give with a picture. Also, we would like to have a very large picture to hang in the Community Centre.
6. Lonnie gave an update on ELC.



- a. We gave a presentation to GISD and our next step that suggested to us is to write a letter to Dr. Caldwell on the GISD school board. We had a presentation at the meeting but it wasn't on the agenda to receive questions and answers.
  - b. Matt asked Lonnie if we have asked the school board for anything. Lonnie stated we only want an endorsement. Matt stated that ELC might want to write their own letter and then send it to the school board to sign asking for their recommendation and approval. Debbie B. stated that they may send it to their legal counsel. Lonnie stated that we are navigating in uncharted waters, so we are learning.
7. Board discussed the 2010-2011 goals.
- a. Jermel stated that the Board will discuss the Board's goals at the retreat coming up in January.
  - b. Jermel stated that we are looking at social media to take us into the future for our Parks & Recreation. We are looking at reducing Lakeside Leisure. The social media piece will be paid for by reallocated funds from other areas of marketing.
  - c. Ron Miller asked about the status on Katy Park. Jermel shared with the Board that we have selected a firm already. We will submit this to council for approval.
  - d. Jermel stated that on Scenic Point Park we are trying to establish what the City of Rowlett is responsible for and what parts we are not. Ron stated that this park will get a lot more use than Katy Park since it is in a neighborhood.
8. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
- a. On this Tuesday from 6-8 pm Jermel shared with the Board that the Community Centre is hosting a party for all the children that participated with the new playground build and he also extended an invitation to the Parks Board to attend. This invitation went out to the Mayor and to City Council.
  - b. Jermel stated that on December 9<sup>th</sup> interviews will be held for the Water Park Supervisor's position.
  - c. Jermel asked about history on "Camp Fear". Lonnie stated that "Camp Fear" was limited in participation because of space. Lonnie commented that they put their tents (camp) out in the park and they would decorate their camp and they had a hay ride through the park. They had smores, haunted walk through park, and it was always sold out, but there wasn't enough space for everybody. Lonnie shared that Garland picked it up and they had low attendance this year. Ron Miller commented that Rowlett had outstanding attendance.
9. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matters have been properly placed on a posted agenda.
10. Lonnie made motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Matt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

  
Wayne Baxter, Chairman

  
Jermel Stevenson, Parks Director

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