



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10th, 2011
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Ken Romaine, Ronald Miller, Dr. Sharon Starks, John Macatee, Debby Bobbitt, Rhett Bowers

ABSENT: Matt Grubisich

VISITORS: David Tebeau, Janice Helfers, Rick Helfers, Deborah Smith

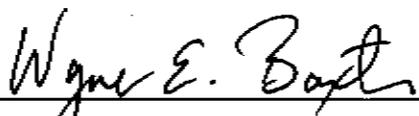
STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant for Parks & Recreation

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. A quorum was present.
3. John Macatee and Rhett Bowers promoted from alternate voting members to regular voting members.
4. Lonnie motioned to approve minutes from July 13th meeting. Ken R. seconded motion, 5-0 approval.
5. Mr. Tebeau from Christian City Church gave an update on the renovation of the skate park.
 - a. Park will be for skaters only; bikes are not allowed. When we tried this before there was a lot of wear and tear on the ramps.
 - b. \$120.00 for a lifetime membership is required to be a member of the park. This helps those that would be members to have a stake in the upkeep of the park.
 - c. Helmets are required while on the ramps at all times. Waivers are also required to enter the park.
6. Jermel gave an update on the PG&T opening celebration.
 - a. Committee is set up and the planning is underway. We will have concerts, Hog Rally (motorcycles), children's play stations, and lots of food vendors.
 - b. Date is still yet to be determined as they get closer to the completion of the project.
7. Wayne and Matt G. will be meeting this week to discuss the water mitigation. We will bring more information about to this board once we have it.
8. Jermel gave an update on the Master Plan process.
 - a. Rough draft to be presented to city council in September for their approval.
 - b. La Terra is polishing up the final loose ends of the plan and they are very reasonably priced. They really have a different approach.
 - c. Lonnie suggested that the PAB get a peak at the master plan to review before it goes to council.

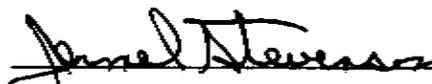
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9. Lonnie updated the board on the ELC.
 - a. ELC is seeking a quit claim deed to clear the property from Dallas County and Garland Independent School District before we can begin to apply for grants to begin the building process.
10. Jermel shared the Director's Report with PAB.
 - a. Community Play Day and Community Come Out and Play averaged over 25 children from diverse households. The children and parents were given nutritional and medical advice on how to live a healthier life.
 - b. Parks and Recreation month was capped off with our Community Play Day at Community. Over 130 adults and children attended the fun filled day. Games, music, bounce houses, and a healthy lunch were provided.
 - c. Paddle Point Park canoe and rental project will require a bid. This allows the City of obtain the best possible bid and provides an opportunity for business owners to show their interest in the project.
 - d. Wet Zone is hosting its third and final Angel Swim on Saturday, August 6th from 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Angel Swim is a special time for children with special needs and their families.
 - e. The Lakeside Leisure is now available online at our website www.Rowlett.com or you may pick up a copy at the RCC.
 - f. Katy Railroad Park master plan and design was approved by City Council at the August 2nd meeting. Next steps include gathering bid documents for construction work to the park. We will continue updating the board on the park's progress in the coming days.
 - g. The Nature Trail received some trash can holders, compliments of the Boy Scouts. This prevents the cans from tipping over and also prevents surface rust from entering into the ground water.
11. 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. Town Hall meeting August 25th @ RCC beginning @ 6 pm.
 - b. Wet zone will host many activities in August. Pooch Plunge- August 21st, Back to School Bash – August 19th, Buy one get one free days – August 15th, 17th, 18th. Season pass appreciation – August 13th.
12. 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.
13. Lonnie C. made motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Dr. Starks seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.



Wayne Baxter, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director