



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

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**PRESENT:** Lonnie Cornwell, Ken Romaine, Mike DeLatte, Rick Helfers, Tien Nguyen, Madeleine Palma, John Macatee, Rhetta Bowers, Brownie Sherrill

**ABSENT:** Debby Bobbitt, Wayne Baxter, Matt Grubisich, Paul Swearingen

**VISTORS:**

**STAFF:** Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant for Parks & Recreation, Angie Smith, Recreation Division Manager, Michael Carmack, Parks Division Manager

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1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Lonnie C. motioned to approve minutes from the December 14th, 2011 meeting with requested changes. John M. seconded motion, 4-0 in approval.
4. Mike DeLatte gave the State of Association Report from the Rowlett Adult Softball Association.
  - a. Mike gave board members handout including financials giving an overview of Rowlett's Adult Softball Association since inception.
  - b. Mike shared that this association is the largest sports group in Rowlett. The state tournament was held here in Rowlett and it brought in over 2,500 people into the gates.
5. On January 17<sup>th</sup> the accreditation video will be shown to City Council during a work session and there will be a question and answer time after the showing of the video. Once this is given approval to move forward; we will be looking to make a formal application to be submitted sometime in the summer.
6. Realize Rowlett 2020 tabled until the next board meeting.
7. Discussion on future dog park:
  - a. Rick asked if Leadership Rowlett had been contacted to find out if they would like to be involved in this project.
  - b. Jermel asked for input concerning this project in light of the drought issues that is plaguing our area. With a project like this you have to sod. You can always use sand/dirt but with dogs you have to have grass. We will likely enter into stage 4 restrictions; we will not be able to water if this happens. Also, if we go to stage 4 water restrictions we may not be able to open our water park and this project for the dog park would likely be put on the shelf.



8. Lonnie announced that on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, City Council, Keep Rowlett Beautiful, ELC and the Parks Board will meet in regards to incorporating ELC into Scenic Point Park. The meeting will be held here in this room tomorrow; Room D at 6:30 pm.
  - a. Lonnie shared that the ELC is an educational facility that will draw students from all of North Texas and the surrounding areas to teach them about and how to conserve the resources that are already available.
  - b. Lonnie informed the board that the existing ELC land is due back taxes close to the amount of \$12,000 or a little over. We are working to get free title to this land.
  - c. Everyone is invited to attend this important meeting here in this room tomorrow.
9. Jermel shared the Director's Report with the Board.
  - a. The re-design of the Rowlett Road and Dalrock Road monuments entering the City was completed the first week of January.
  - b. Rowlett Youth Basketball began their games on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Games will be played in both gyms from 9-5 pm every Saturday until Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. There are 270 youth in the league.
  - c. On Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am, the Amateur Community Theatre of Rowlett performed a rendition of the 1950's radio show featuring Abbott & Costello, Fibber McGee and Life of Riley at the RCC. The show was free for all RCC members.
  - d. On Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> the Department will seek the support of City Council regarding the agency accreditation process. The presentation will take place at the work session.
10. 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 Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> everyone is invited to a work session with City Council regarding the Parks and Recreation Department Accreditations Process.
  - b. On Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, City Council, ELC, Keep Rowlett Beautiful and the Parks Board will be meeting at the RCC in Room D in regards to incorporating the ELC into Scenic Point Park.
11. 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.
12. Mike D. motioned to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Rick H. seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

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Ken Romaine, Vice Chairman

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Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director