



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

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**PRESENT:** Mike DeLatte, Lonnie Cornwell, Rhetta Bowers, Wayne Baxter, Linda Fugitt, Brownie Sherrill, Ken Romaine, Bill Gilbreath, Matt Grubisich

**ABSENT:** Erika Holliman, Rick Helfers, Eric Bonilla

**VISTORS:** Nancy Lancaster, Jerry Barshop

**STAFF:** Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager; Keith Flournoy, Parks Division Manager; Aaron Cleaver, RCC Supervisor.

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1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
  2. Quorum present.
  3. Lonnie Cornwell motioned to accept the May 14, 2014 minutes. Linda Fugitt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous for approval by those members present.
  4. Kids Kingdom location recommendation to City Council
    - a. Wayne Baxter announced that on June 17<sup>th</sup> City Council will have a work session covering Herfurth Park Master Plan. This discussion will involve the topic of Kids Kingdom therefore he requested members to be present.
    - b. Members discussed the delays that have occurred in moving forward with the rebuild of Kids Kingdom as well as Herfurth Park's Master Plan. Members voiced after viewing the Herfurth Park Master Plan and understanding the vision for that site it does not appear that this is where Kids Kingdom belongs. Kids Kingdom being placed back at Pecan Grove was a part of this discussion. Members feel this will save the taxpayer money because there will be less preparation of the ground for the playground. Matt Grubisich suggested a motion be made for this board's recommendation to City Council. Brownie Sherrill made a motion to recommend Kids Kingdom to be rebuilt at Pecan Grove Park due to the changes with Herfurth Park's Master Plan and to move forward with steps to rebuild Kids Kingdom.
    - c. W. Baxter asked if a letter needs to be written in regards to this recommendation for City Council. Jermel Stevenson responded that he will draft a memo and use the unofficial minutes from this meeting.
  5. Update on Scenic Point Park

Keith Flournoy explained an issue with the pilings that were being ordered for the park. They are presently waiting on a change order then City Council will need to approve. Once an approval is received a notice to proceed will be sent. Once the notice is received the company has 10 days to mobilize and 180 days to complete.
  6. Rowlett Community Centre sustainability



4th. A local cover band by the name of "Time Train" will kick off the evening at 6:00pm. Fireworks will be around 9:30pm, vendors, children's area, game truck, and an ATM on site. In May the mayor had his studio interview with KVIL 103.7 radio station and will be played the week of the event. KVIL will be at the event presenting it live on their radio station.

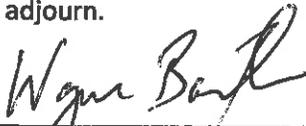
- e. Wet Zone Waterpark now open on weekends and will be open daily beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>. With the recent rains, the ground shifted at Wet Zone and caused some issues with the water slide pump on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The smaller slide attached to the playground was completely disassembled cleaned, reassembled and reinstalled with all new hardware. The hardware was beginning to show some wear and tear so as a preventative safety measure Maintenance staff is able to install all new at a small cost. DCC came out the same day and repaired the flange and the slide is running with no issues. Texas Municipal League visited the park on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to conduct its yearly inspection on the slide features. All three slides passed with two thumbs up.
- f. Registration for the Summer Youth Basketball League is complete and there are 223 participants registered. This is a large increase in participation for this program which had only 65 registered last year. This increase can be attributed to placing signs at all elementary schools in Rowlett advertising the program and the increased marketing efforts by staff.
- g. The Memorial Day Ceremony featuring "Touch a Truck" took place in Downtown Rowlett. The ceremony portion of the program was held at Veterans Park and featured Congressman Pete Sessions as the keynote speaker. Following the ceremony, event participants were able to check out all of the vehicles and trucks that were lined up and down Main Street. In addition to the trucks/vehicles that were brought out by the various City Departments, there was also a limousine, DART bus, game truck, Waste Management dump truck, moving truck and Kyle Busch's #18 Interstate Battery Camry racecar. The event also included local vendors, a DJ, a bounce house provided by First Rowlett UMC and face painting.
- h. B. Sherrill asked about the accreditation process. J. Stevenson shared that the self-assessment has been completed and was submitted June 7, 2014. He thanked Angela Smith for all her hard work with putting the self-assessment together and submitted it. The next steps are waiting to hear from CAPRA then a possible site visit in August.

10. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff.

W. Baxter mentioned that Parners Foundation is planning to hold a fundraiser similar to an activity called Date Night in Farmers Branch where there is a band and food vendors in a park.

11. No members of the Board requested topics for future agenda meetings.

12. B. Sherrill motioned to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.



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Wayne Baxter, Chairman



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Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director