



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mike DeLatte, Ken Romaine, Matt Grubisich, Lonnie Cornwell, Zabrina Martinson, E. C. Umberger III, Michael Moreno, Linda Fugitt, Rhetta Bowers, Eric Bonilla

ABSENT: Wayne Baxter, Bruce Hargrave

VISTORS:

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager; Al Krajc, Parks Division Supervisor; Elise Bowers, Recreation Assistant.

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1. Ken Romaine, Vice-Chairman called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
 2. Quorum present.
 3. Mike Delatte motioned to accept the January 14, 2015 minutes. Matt Grubisich seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous for approval by those members present.
 4. Presentation of the Soccer Association – Scott Montgomery.
 - a. S. Montgomery provided a handout and used a power point presentation to review the Soccer Association’s profit and loss information, game fields, status for the year, coaching education, challenges, academy team, and a wish list
 - b. There was discussion regarding the challenges and wish list items.
 - c. Jermel Stevenson voiced a follow up contact will be made with Soccer Association tomorrow morning.
 - d. Questions were asked and answers were provided.
 5. Update on TRAPS: Walk the Halls at the Capitol in Austin on January 28, 2015 – Angela Smith.
 - a. A. Smith provided a power point presentation to review their schedule, the platform, main purpose, what bills to obtain updates and what members can do to help.
 - b. A. Smith, Rhetta Bowers and Councilmember Debby Bobbitt represented Rowlett Parks and Recreation at the Capitol.
 - c. The deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions is March 13th and June 1st is the last day of regular session.
 6. Update on Scenic Point Park
 - a. J. Stevenson reported on January 5, 2015 York Bridges began clearing out the path for the boardwalk and the trail is being developed. The goal for completion is July 2015.
 - b. Al Krajc encouraged members to go look at the work being done. The materials were discussed. M. Delatte asked if information on the wood could be sent to them so they have more knowledge to share with citizens.



- c. M. Delatte approached the topic of how to better inform residents so they are more aware of what is going on with the project and keeping them posted on the updates. The Department will look into the suggestions including placing on the city website.

7. Kids Kingdom Discussion

- a. Zabrina Martinson reported there have been no sub-committee meetings since Design Day. Contact will be made to set up the Fundraising Committee meeting soon so plans can move forward and begin looking at corporate sponsors.
- b. Z. Martinson expressed that outreach has been initiated with Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Chamber of Commerce and Partners in collecting a dollar amount that has been raised. She continued in confirmation that \$92,500 is the goal for fundraising.

8. Director's Report – Jermel Stevenson

- a. The Parks and Recreation Department has been selected to receive two awards this year from the Texas Public Pool Council (TPPC). One award will be for the "Agency of the Year – Class II" for the Angel Swim Program, and the second award is for the "Aquatic Special Event of the Year" for the Cardboard Boat Regatta. Both awards was presented at the TPPC State Conference held in College Station on February 2-5
- b. The annual Little Sweetheart Dance was on January 31, 2015 at the Rowlett Community Centre where 210 participants were taken away to a "Night in Paris".
- c. Community Centre and Senior Advisory Board hosted a Self Defense Workshop for Senior Citizens on Tuesday, January 12
- d. Special Events: Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March, 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @Pecan Grove Park; Kid Fish: Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @ Community Park; Rowlett Cardboard Boat Regatta: Saturday, April 25th at 1:30 p.m. @ Community Park; Memorial Day Celebration featuring Touch a Truck: Saturday, May 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. @ RCC & Rowlett HS
- e. In regards to the Bond Election in May, board members can advertise as a citizen but advised not to speak on behalf of the City of Rowlett.
- f. Z. Martinson requested an update on the Keep Rowlett Beautiful granted that was secured with TxDot. J. Stevenson responded that other departments are involved with working on a design and as soon as this is obtained more collaboration can be done with KRB.

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

Lonnie Cornwell mentioned the KRB Clean Up on March 21st from 9:00am – 1:00pm and partnering with Garland to clean up along the bridge way on Rowlett Road.

10. No member of the Board requested topics for future agenda meetings.

11. Matt Grubisich motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. M. Delatte seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

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Ken Romaine, Vice-Chairman

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Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director