



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT:

VISTORS: Mike Lancaster, Dean Peale, Stefanie Olson

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

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1. Wayne Baxter, Chairman called meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.
 2. Quorum present.
 3. Presentation of the Baseball Association – Percell Milton.
 - a. P. Milton provided a power point presentation to review the Baseball Association’s 2014 enrollment numbers as well as their successes which include the 4th USSSA State Tournament, completion of their 2nd summer league, and partnered with Boy Scout Troop 1020 for a service project. .
 - b. A budget summary was provided and brief discussion about the items the association is still working on.
 - c. Questions were asked and answers were provided.
 4. Mike Delatte motioned to accept the March 11, 2015 minutes. Matt Grubisich seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous for approval by those members present.
 5. CIP Bond Election – Jermel Stevenson.
 - a. J. Stevenson mentioned a public meeting began at 6:30pm this evening at City Hall to cover the information and there will be a telephone town hall meeting from 6:30pm – 7:30pm on April 23rd.
 - b. Flyers were distributed to members explaining the 3 propositions for the bond election on May 9th and information was reviewed. He reminded members early voting is from April 27th – May 5th.
 - c. Questions were asked and answers were provided.
 6. Update on Scenic Point Park – Al Krajc
Phase one of Scenic Park is 90% completed. The wood needs to cure for 90 days therefore in May the wood will be power washed then adhesive will be sprayed on the board walk. This will be followed by a stain and seal. It is scheduled to be completed by mid-May.



7. Kids Kingdom Discussion

Due to the Playground Committee meeting held prior to this meeting there was no discussion on this agenda item.

8. Director's Report – Jermel Stevenson

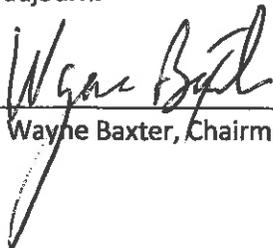
- a. The While You Wait program continues at Coyle Middle School. The program is averaging 15-20 participants per a day. Honor Academy program has begun which is geared at working on the traits of character, honesty, accountability, sacrifice and excellence with the participants.
- b. On March 21st the Rowlett Community Centre hosted their annual Open House. During the event and throughout the day staff sold 25 new memberships, renewed 11 memberships, 2 facility rentals were made and 7 Class Pass punch cards.
- c. Easter Egg Hunt was held March, 28th at Pecan Grove Park in which 20,000 eggs were sprinkled throughout the park. Approximately 3,000 were in attendance. The event featured a Social Media Contest that gave participants who entered an opportunity to win a one month tailored math tutoring plan for their child at Mathnasium of Rowlett.
- d. Pup-A-Poolza was held on March 29th at Herfurth Park and 57 dogs were in attendance along with approximately 200 people. There were over 2,000 treat filled eggs for the dogs and other contests. Friends of Rowlett provided treat filled baskets for contestants. Giveaways were also provided by H&R Block.
- e. 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.
- f. Lonnie Cornwell asked about the location for Fireworks on Main. J. Stevenson responded there are two possible locations since the downtown development will be in process is at Pecan Grove or at Elgin B. Robertson property.
- g. Ken Romaine mentioned an email he sent to the department regarding information for beeping Easter eggs for the visually impaired to consider for next year's Easter Egg Hunt event.

9. No Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff.

10. Any member of the Board can request topics for future agenda meetings.

- a. W. Baxter requested an update on the Pro-rata in relation to Kids Kingdom being built at Pecan Grove Park.
- b. W. Baxter requested information on the total park inventory of property that would not be good to be developed.

11. Rhetta Bowers motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.


Wayne Baxter, Chairman


Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director