



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Mike DeLatte, Matt Grubisich, Dolores Henning, Blake Margolis, Zabrina Martinson, E.C. Umberger III

ABSENT: Linda Fugitt, Josh Kramer, Kaitlyn Freeborn, Rhett Bowers, Ken Romaine

VISTORS: Brad Multon, Jim Katzenberger, Brian Hokanson, Martha Brown, Gabriela Borcoman

STAFF: Robert Bloemendaal, City Council liaison; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kathy Freiheit, Library Director

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1. Chairman Wayne Baxter called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 2. Quorum present. Dolores Henning appointed as a voting member.
 3. Consider action to approve the July 13, 2016 minutes.
 - a. Mike DeLatte motioned to approve the minutes as written.
 - b. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion.
 - c. Approved 6 - 0.
 4. Lakeview Parkway State Highway 66 Visioning Plan - Brad Multon, La Terra Studios
 - a. Angie Smith explained Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) helped City of Rowlett receive a Governor's Community Achievement Award. Green Ribbon funding is available for the landscaping portion and La Terra Studios is contracted with to develop a visioning plan for this.
 - b. B. Multon presented a power point presentation for the visioning plan which covers the existing corridor conditions along with several photos. The conditions reviewed were gateways and monuments, secondary gateways, key intersections, sidewalks and pedestrian connections, lake bridge, utility corridor and landscaping medians.
 - c. Corridor improvement opportunities and regional identity concepts were presented such as major intersections, bridge aesthetics, enhanced landscaping. Working with TX Dot and City of Rowlett for developing a Phase 1 project. Showed median concepts and explained how these plans developed. TX Dot will turn concepts into construction plans.
 - d. The cost of the project, a basic timeline, and maintenance were briefly discussed.
 - e. Questions asked and answers provided.
 5. Presentation of Public Art Project proposal by Arts & Humanities Commission.
 - a. Information was presented on City Council's approval of two sculptures to be made and their locations. The two sculptures are the Tornado Spiral to be located at Rowlett Community Centre and the Phoenix Tornado Memorial located at Schrade Bluebonnet Park. The Tornado Spiral will take approximately 2-3 months to complete.
 - b. Photos of the conceptual drawings for each sculpture was shown and information about each artist, Troy Connatser and Nic Noblique, was presented.
 - c. \$40,000 is appropriated for Public Art - FY16. City of Rowlett is going to provide concrete base and footings for each sculpture. Schrade Bluebonnet Park is an undeveloped park therefore parking and other amenities will need to be considered. City staff is working with La Terra Studio



10. Continue discussion of a future dog park.
 - a. Critical elements for consideration are 1) Does the board want to focus on developing a plan for a Dog Park; 2) What is the proper location keeping for one and keep in mind the location should have easy access to water; 3) Parking and public restroom facilities and extensive shade. There is no funding currently in place to develop a dog park.
 - b. Discussion resulted in members will further discuss during the Parks Board boot camp.
 - c. Herfurth Park redesign was placed on hold and will be on the next bond election but staff is unaware if the concept will be the same which did include a dog park.

11. Announce date for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Boot Camp.

November 5, 2016 was chosen for this event. Attendance is critical for board members. Time and agenda items were briefly identified. Next meeting will discuss further if a parks tour is needed.

12. Kids Kingdom: future fundraising and recognitions.
 - a. Picket sales are complete and will be in process of compiling the orders so an order can be submitted.
 - b. Members voiced after they know the total from picket sales then they can determine the goal of fundraising needed for the last piece of equipment for the playground.
 - c. As part of recognition there will be a Playground Committee and Park Board celebration. The date is changed from August 20, 2016 to September 10, 2016 from 5:00pm - 9:00pm.

13. Reminder: Boards and Commissions applications are due August 26, 2016.

The applications are available online on the city website.

14. Director's Report - Angela Smith
 - a. Our first Summer Concert Series got off to a fantastic start. The Johnny Cash Tribute band, Walkin The Line, played for an estimated 425 people at Pecan Grove Park. Lines at all three food trucks stayed busy throughout the evening. This Friday is Escape, a Journey Tribute band.
 - b. Youth basketball league consisting of 162 players came to a close on August 6th.
 - c. Swim lesson program finished up with 420 registrations within seven different levels of classes. Water aerobics came to a close with 144 participants.
 - d. Wet Zone has installed the new slide, Haley's Hurricane Twist, and a fantastic addition.
 - e. Troop 1020 Eagle Scouts of Rowlett completed a project consisting of removing poles with cleaning and painting the fence along the Nature Trail. Thirteen volunteers had over 69 hours of work on this project.
 - f. As of July 31st, current active Rowlett Community Centre Memberships are at 3,364 which includes all Yearly, Monthly and Senior Activity memberships. One last big push will be made with a Back to School Special on all new and renewed memberships for memberships including youth discounts. During the month of July, there were 604 new and renewed memberships sold for a total of \$17,882.25.
 - g. The Angel Baseball League has come to conclusion and to celebrate such a fantastic season we will held our award banquet at the Wet Zone waterpark last Saturday on August 6th. Chick-fil-a of Rowlett provided food for the Rowlett Angel Baseball banquet and Katrice Fields of Kookie Kollection in Garland also donated customized cookies for our league players. Participants were awarded medals for their outstanding effort, as well as a framed picture for memories.
 - h. Wet Zone Waterpark will close its doors for the season on Sunday, August 14th following the famed Pooch Plunge event!



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

- a. M. DeLatte stated there are approximately 30 teams for State Championship this weekend in which it is being hosted here.
- b. L. Cornwell shared KRB is having their Fall Clean-Up Day on September 10th from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

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

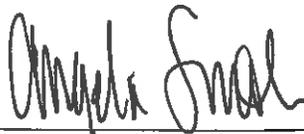
- M. DeLatte requested the topic of mural on Hwy 66 be placed on the agenda.

17. Adjournment

- a. M. DeLatte motioned to adjourn 9:10 pm.
- b. Z. Martinson seconded motion.
- c. Approved 7- 0.



Wayne Baxter, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation