



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Alan Hogan, Maria Dellaplain, Jeffery Gray, Bernadette Hagmeier, Lonnie Cornwell, Mike DeLatte, Matt Grubisich, Dolores Henning, , Blake Margolis, Kimberli Martinez, Ken Romaine, E.C. Umberger III

ABSENT: Gregory Craig

VISTORS:

STAFF: Bruce Hargrave, City Council liaison; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation; Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Business Manager; Ricky Harris, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager

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1. Vice-Chairman E.C. Umberger called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 2. Introduction of new members. Administered the Oath of Office and the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer to the newly appointed members.
 3. Quorum present. Maria Dellaplain appointed as a voting member.
 4. Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2016 - 2017
 - a. Matt Grubisich motioned to appoint E.C Umberger as Chairman.
 - b. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion. E.C. Umberger accepted the nomination.
Approved 9 - 0.
 - c. L. Cornwell motioned to appoint M. Grubisich as Vice-Chairman. Mike DeLatte seconded the motion. M. Grubisich accepted the nomination.
Approved 9 - 0.
 5. Consider action to approve the September 14, 2016 minutes.
 - a. M. DeLatte motioned to approve the minutes as written.
 - b. M. Grubisich seconded the motion.
 - c. Approved 9 - 0.
 6. Update on Environmental Learning Center.
 - a. On November 18, 2016 City Council will discuss the future of the property and the opportunity to partner with Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) to develop an official "Environmental Learning Center" facility.
 - b. The Parks and Recreation Department will present a plan to council to submit a request to Dallas County and Garland ISD to pass resolution on their hold on the outstanding taxes.
 - c. The Department will present an outline of the potential partnership with KRB to relocate the official Environmental learning Center idea to the ELC property located on Chiesa instead of Scenic Point Park.
 - d. The partnership will defer development of ELC to KRB and the facility will then be donated to the City of Rowlett.



7. RETREET Rowlett Update - Matt Grubisich and Grady McGahan
 - a. The mission of RETREET is to define disaster relief by engaging communities to replant lost trees. They briefly spoke about the importance of trees.
 - b. On December 10, 2016 Texas Trees Foundation, RETREET and KRB will initiate replanting of Rowlett. The goal is will help begin the re-growth of Rowlett's urban forest with planting of more than 400 trees. A goal is to raise \$30,000 by the end of November. This is a way to help the city from the tornado damage on the December 26, 2015. Limiting receivers to those who live in the path of the tornado. Trees will be planted in the front yard and 2 trees per household.
 - c. Contact M. Grubisich at matt@texas-trees.org for information on several ways to be involved with this event and can. Tuesday of next week the registration will begin for those who need trees replanted as well as registration for volunteers. Goal is 250-300 volunteers with two different shifts.
 - d. Questions asked and answers provided.

8. Discuss the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Boot Camp scheduled for November 5, 2016.

The format of the agenda was discussed and planned. Members decided to use homework packets rather than use the time for a park tour. The homework packet was reviewed and discussed.

9. Director's Report - Angela Smith
 - a. There is a new opportunity for board members to become members with the National Association of Parks and Recreation (NRPA). This was briefly discussed.
 - b. The practice soccer fields at Katy Railroad Park have a fence barrier to protect the germination in progress. Next spring staff will sprig for permanent ground cover.
 - c. A great start to our baseball program: 4U Blastball started with 74 participants, 6U T-Ball has 64 players signed up and 8U Coach Pitch has 66 players registered.
 - d. Diversity Day was held October 1, 2016 from 11am - 2pm at RCC. Positive feedback from attendees in regards to liking the location change from the gymnasium to rooms A - D because there was better acoustic, more professional appearance, and more engagement from the crowd. Approximately 300 persons had the opportunity to see African drumming, Latin Caribbean Pop, School of Irish Music, Hula dancers, Steadham Elementary dance performance, Jazz Fusion, and Watusi.
 - e. Camp Fear will be held October 28th - 29th at Pecan Grove Park. Cost is \$65. Event will include haunted trail, tent trick or treat, s'mores, several contests and games.
 - f. Jill Beam, Recreation Programmer for Seniors, is now full time.
 - g. National Night Out was held October 4, 2016. The Parks and Recreation team continues to be involved in this event and makes a point to visit as many participating neighborhoods as possible.

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

L. Cornwell mentioned KRB will be hosting an electronic recycling and shredding event at Rowlett High School on November 5, 2016 from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

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



12. Adjournment

- a. M. DeLatta motioned to adjourn 8:12 pm.
- b. L. Cornwell seconded motion.
- c. Approved 9 - 0.

E.C. Umberger, Chairman

Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation