

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Board of Parks and Recreation

Held April 16, 2024

Call to Order

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting Call to Order at 5:00 PM

Sylvia Harlow	Chair	Present
Patricia Bond	Member	Present
Sharon Duff	Member	Present
Jeanie Gay	Member	Present
Erica Grooms	Member	Present

Staff Members Present: Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane, City Planner Nick Sorice, and Clerk of Council Amy Brown

Approval of Minutes

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes - February 20, 2024

Mrs. Harlow asked if there were any changes or corrections to the February 20, 2024 Board of Parks and Recreation meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business

Fourth of July Event Discussion

Mr. Shane reported they have just begun to have preliminary meetings for the Fourth of July event, and added his staff is working hard on the event. He stated they would have inflatables, food trucks, carnival games, and a cooling tent that sprays mist. He noted the fireworks would begin at 10:00 PM, and added Nashville Crush would be the band this year. He explained they would begin playing at 8:00 PM with a short break, and then continue until 10:00 PM. He explained that his staff would have more meetings leading up to the event to figure out the placement of vendors and to finalize the details.

Mrs. Harlow asked if they would be doing giveaways.

Mr. Shane replied they are looking at that now, and added they didn't give much away last year, so they would be using those items as well as adding to it.

Master Park Plan

Mr. Shane explained that the Master Park Plan went out to bid last week, and added the deadline to submit proposals is this Friday. He stated he would be reviewing the submissions along with Mr. Sorice and Engineer Alisha Burcham.

Mrs. Duff asked what criteria they would be looking at.

Mr. Shane replied the biggest items he would be looking at would be Wax Park, Deer Meadow Park, and Ora Everetts Park. He commented he was unsure of what would be coming out of the Comprehensive Plan with American StructurePoint, so he was also waiting to see what those results were. He noted that they have already said the City has an abundance of parks, so the question may be if all of those parks are needed. He stated he was not sure if they needed German Village Park and the Pinnacle Tot Lot when there is a huge park in the middle of both of those parks.

Mrs. Bond commented that was supposed to be a nature park, and there used to be a baseball field in the back, but it was torn down.

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Mr. Shane stated he thought it could be a great park, but there are so many parks in that little area. He explained he anticipated receiving good information from the Master Park Plan, and added he can't wait to start it. He commented they would also be asking for the public's input on the project.

Summer Camp Discussion

Mr. Shane reported that they are bringing back summer camp for the first time since 2019. He stated it would be \$40.00 a week per child, and it would be over a six-week period. He noted the theme weeks would be: Adventure Week, Olympian Week, Flight and Space Week, Superhero Week, Detective Week, and Underwater Week. He explained they would have a field trip on Wednesday of each week, and added this would be for ages 6 to 13. He reported it was from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM each day, starting on June 10, and added a snack would be provided each day. He stated registration opened on March 18, and registration is currently open. He added they are also looking for camp workers who are 16 and older.

Other Business

Mr. Shane stated the 15-passenger transit van has been ordered, but they probably would not receive it until the end of summer or beginning of fall. He reported that there is now all new furniture for public seating at the Rec Center and Civic Center. He noted there is an opportunity this evening to eat at Chipotle and a portion of the proceeds would go to Christmas Smiles. He stated there are some new benches that will be placed out in the parks in the coming weeks. He explained that tomorrow through Saturday, groups from WGI would be at the Rec Center rehearsing, and added that Pulse Percussion, who won the competition last year, would be practicing inside and outside the building. He thanked everyone that came out to the eclipse event, and added it was one of the coolest things he had ever seen.

Mrs. Bond asked how many people attended the eclipse event.

Mr. Shane reported there were about 150 to 200 at the event. He commented they would be having the first movie event next Friday, and they are playing Disney's Wish. He noted these events would be spaced throughout the year, and added if they don't get enough participation this year, they would probably not do them anymore. He stated there were a lot of events going on this summer, and added they do still need part-time staff.

The members determined that the next meeting would be June 18 at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 5:20 PM


Sylvia Harlow


ATTEST: Clerk of Council Amy Brown