

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 19, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Kathleen Eason
Gary Gola
Andrew Gonzales
Kenny Orts
Daniel Philhower
David Morris
Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Matthew Temple
Lonnie Zycha

ABSENT

Jennifer Jewett
Hugh Shelton
Madeline Ward, student

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P&R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Bob VanTil, Community Develop
Tony Gomes, citizen

Call to order and declare a quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:00 p.m.

Citizens Communications

Mr. Gomes was present but spoke when the agenda item #4 came up for discussion.

Approve the minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting

Motion was made by Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2014 meeting, with the amendment of adding the name of the member who voted nay and the member who abstained for the #5 agenda item "Discuss location of shade structure from the 2013 Good Life event funds". Member voting nay was Committee member Jennifer Jewett and the member abstaining was Committee member Kathleen Eason, both preferring to defer location selection to the Good Life chairman Julie Rydell. Second by Committee member Matthew Temple. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discuss and recommend locations for Little Free Library program

Motion was made by Committee member Daniel Philhower to recommend placing the Little Libraries in the playground areas of all 3 parks, Murphy Park, Robinson Park and Bull Branch park.

Second by Committee Member Kathleen Eason

Vote: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

Discuss implementing a "catch and release" fishing rule at the small TRP pond

Motion was made by Committee member Matthew Temple to recommend designation of the front pond at the Taylor Regional Sports Complex only, to not be a "catch and release" pond.

Second by Committee member David Morris

Vote: All voted aye.

Motion passed

Provide feedback on future plans for the Heritage Square Park

Citizen Tony Gomes presented his ideas for the future use of Heritage Square. He also presented the committee with a drawing of his vision.

Community Development Director Bob Vantil spoke to the committee asking for their input and feedback on what the committee would like to see happen with Heritage Square. His goal is to give the Parks and Recreation Committee the opportunity to stay informed of plans for Heritage and for the Committee to have input into the future plans of the Square. He states that he will come back to them in January 2015 for their ideas and feedback. The Temple Junior College and the portables was discussed as perhaps an impediment to the overall plan for the Square. The question of what was TJC's future plans was asked by the committee.

No action taken on this item.

Provide feedback for future use of the West End School

Community Development Director Bob VanTil gave some history regarding the acquisition of the West End School, located at 1301 West 4th street. The location was co owned by the City and TISD when they were one entity. They split up and it was deeded to the City sometime in the 1980's. Mr. VanTil is in the process of getting a structural evaluation completed on this building. Motion was made by Committee member to table this item until further information is available.

Second by Committee member Lonnie Zycha.

Vote: 8 aye. 1 nay. Committee member Matthew Temple.

Motion passed by majority vote.

Discuss converting unused Tennis Courts in Murphy Park into a soccer area

Committee member Daniel Philhower stated that an alternative use of the tennis courts, as soccer areas, may maximize the use of the courts. Mr. Philhower has contacted the Taylor Area Tennis Association.

No action taken on this item.

Review board member expiring terms

Motion was made by Committee member Matthew Temple to recommend re appointment of President Gary Gola, member Stayci Roznovak-Burris and member Daniel Philhower, pending Mr. Philhower's intent to re apply.

Second by Committee member Kathleen Eason.

Vote: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

Motion was made Committee member Lonnie Zycha to not renew Committee member Hugh Shelton and to remove Committee member Jennifer Jewett, due to attendance record review.

No second.

Motion failed.

Motion was made by Committee member Matthew Temple to recommend that Council review attendance records and act accordingly as to the rules.

Second by member Kathleen Eason.

Vote: All voted aye.

Motion passed.

These recommendations will be presented at the second Council meeting in January of 2015.

Update on publication summary and history of Board actions

The summary is on the City's website @ www.taylortx.gov , is updated and will continue to be updated on a regular basis.

Review of park improvement priorities (CIP, Priority List)

CIP List includes:

1. Doak ballfield rehab
2. Robinson ballfield rehab
3. Install a splash pad in Robinson park

Priority List includes:

1. Installation of a 9 hold Frisbee golf course in one of the parks.
2. Installation of new playground equipment in the "old Murphy park playground area (west of the pavilion).
3. Installation of caution lights at both Lynn & Davis and Mallard @ the bridge. And installation of lighting on all basketball courts.
4. Installation of shade coverings in Bull Branch and Murphy park by the playgrounds and by the basketball courts in Murphy and Robinson parks.
5. Installation of free standing grills in parks.
6. Whether to impose a fee or deposit for the Robinson park pavilion and Bull Branch pavilion and installing electrical outlets at Bull Branch pavilion.

Item # 6 has been completed and #4 is in the process of being completed (1 shade structure is in the process of being ordered and is to be installed in Murphy Park).

No action taken on this item.

Update on re naming the Rodeo Arena Bill Pickett

A letter was drafted by Mayor Ancira and sent to Williamson County Judge Dan A. Gattis on October 28, 2014.

No action taken on this item.

Discuss rehabilitation of the ballfields by T Don Hutto

Committee member Andrew Gonzales sent a letter to City Council via Committee member Kathleen Eason. She submitted it to Council. Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito stated that some work will be done to the Doak ballfields by the Ryan Sanders company. They are donating some work which is to start in January 2015. The City crew will do the prep work at the fields. The fields should be playable by spring of 2015.

No action taken on this item.

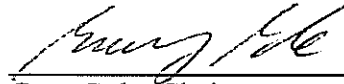
Identify items for next meeting

- Provide feedback on future plans for Heritage Square Park (Bob VanTil)
- Provide feedback for future use of the West End School (Bob VanTil)
- Plan for tennis courts in Murphy park for fusbal (Daniel Philhower)
- Discuss rehabilitation of the Doak ballfields (Andrew Gonzales)
- Update on solar lighting project in Bull Branch park (Mike DeVito)
- Update on ADA swing purchase (Mike DeVito)

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 14 or January 21, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman


Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman