

MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 17, 2021
City Hall Council Chamber
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Patrick Tate
Larry Cmerek
Stacey Olsen
Jennifer Jewett
Irene Michna
David Campise

ABSENT

Casey Weison, Student member
Casey Mummert

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyler Bybee, P&R Director
Casey Cunningham, P&R Super
Julie Gensler, Admin Assist.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:01 p.m.
Invocation was given by David Campise
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REGULAR AGENDA

Approve minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting

Motion: Vice Chair Stacey Olsen to accept the minutes as presented,
Second: Committee Member David Campise
Vote: All voted aye.
Minutes are approved as presented.

Citizens Communications

None

Directors Report

Parks and Recreation Director Mr. Bybee and Superintendent Casey Cunningham presented the Directors Report.
No action taken on this item.

Naming Policy for City Property

October 28th City Council approved Naming Policy to establish consistent naming of a new City Facility, Public Park Land or Public Streets. The City would prefer to stay away from renaming existing parks, facilities and streets, etc. unless certain criteria are met, such as monetary donation or grant to the City toward the acquisition or development of public facility, a substantial community service that has had a major impact to a large sector of the City, from an individual, an in-memoriam, honor for a deceased individual, or honoring of a living individual, honoring of City elected officials, mgmt., staff or appointed public officials. The City has little to do with street naming of new subdivisions, as it goes through a different review process.
No action taken on this item.

Christmas Lights in the Parks

Parks and Recreation Director, Tyler Bybee, suggested doing tree up-lighting rather than wrapping trees as it takes a lot of lights to effectively wrap lights on a tree and there are several large trees. There are white lights under the trees already and by putting red and green filters over the lights it casts red and green lighting into the trees. Tyler got this idea when he visited Waterloo Greenway in downtown Austin. There will be a "trial run" November 18th to see how well this works. Also want to expand Memorial Gardens down the fence line by adding more LED lights. Tree lighting at Heritage Square will be held after the Christmas parade on December 4th.
No action taken on this item.

Identify items for next meeting

- Lighting needed that won't obstruct view of the ball during night time tennis matches but will be effective in reducing the number of people sleeping in the park and harassing tennis players. Tennis court parking lot lighting also needed for safety reasons.
- Vandalism and illegal dumping problem
- New Years "Resolution Run" to clean up Murphy Park- 2023 since it was agreed that there is not sufficient time to properly organize and get the word out to hold January 2022.

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 19th, 2022. Vice Chair Stacey Olsen motioned to skip the December, 2021 meeting. Member, Irene Michna seconded the motion and all agreed to no December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Patrick Tate, Chairman



Stacy Olsen, Vice Chairwoman