

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 18, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Kathleen Eason
Gary Gola
Andrew Gonzales
Jennifer Jewett
David Morris
Kenny Orts
Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Ginger Schneider
Matthew Temple
Lonnie Zycha

ABSENT

Larry Levy

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P&R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Isaac Turner, City Manager
Jennifer Harris, Dickey Museum
Diane Thomas, Dickey Museum
Beryl Harris, Dickey Museum
Gayle Collins, mini golf course
Kevin Collins, mini golf course
Gumisindo Gonzales, Dickey Museum
Tom Mowdy, Dickey Museum

Call to order and declare a quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation was given by Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizens Communications

Jennifer Harris gave a presentation for the Dickey Museum project
Gayle Collins gave a presentation for the Lions Club miniature golf project
Brent Humphreys gave an update on the Skate Park project

REGULAR AGENDA

Approve minutes from the July 15, 2015 meeting

Motion was made by Committee member Kenny Orts to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2015 meeting, with the addition of "the Committee agreed to update the Parks Master Plan with a show of hands."

Second by Committee member Kathleen Eason

Vote: All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discuss the Dickey Museum and Cultural Center

Jennifer Harris, President of the O.L. Blackshear Ex-Student Association, gave a presentation for the future plans for the Dickey Museum and Cultural Center, located at 500 Burkett street. Taylor Texas. The Association is working with the City of Taylor Development Services to identify the adjacent properties to the Museum. The Association's presentation purpose is to keep the Parks Committee aware of plans for the Museum. There is a hike & bike trail running close to the Museum. No action taken on this item.

Receive presentation on the Lions Club mini golf course

Gayle Collins, who is a member of the Lions Club, gave a presentation asking for a renewal of the 10 year agreement with the City of Taylor.

Motion made by Committee member Lonnie Zycha to recommend to City Council to renew the agreement with the Lions Club for the miniature golf course.

Second by Committee member Kathleen Eason.

Vote: Ayes All Nays 0

Motion passed.

Update on Skate Park

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito gave an update on the Skate Park project. He stated city officials have met with Union Pacific and TxDOT representatives regarding the location of the skate park under the Highway 95 downtown overpass. TxDOT representatives stated their main concern is access for maintenance purposes. Union Pacific representatives stated they are still not for the project, but items could be added to continue the conversation. Brent Humphreys hopes to get another meeting with Union Pacific, TxDOT and City officials in the next month. Mr. Humphreys also stated that the 3rd 50/50 fundraiser goal is to raise 50,000.00. The first fundraiser raised approximately 28,000.00 and second fundraiser total was approx. 47,000.00. The cost to put in a Skate Park is \$20 to \$30 per square foot, with a small Skate Park being approx. 4,000 square feet. The 50/50 group is having a meeting this Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the middle school in Room # 7 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Mr. Humphreys stated that the 50/50 group is looking for a temporary location for skate boarding. City Manager Isaac Turner stated that the meeting with Union Pacific and TxDOT was very cordial. They were very receptive to the information, but very candid about their stance on the issues. Representative Larry Gonzales was also in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Turner also stated that Mr. Gola was inadvertently left off the guest list, but would be notified of the next meeting. Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris asked Mr. Humphreys how long they would request UP and TxDOT for the location under the overpass. Mr. Humphreys stated that after the next meeting, he felt he would be able to make a decision on which direction he should go regarding the location. Mr. Humphreys was invited back to the Parks and Recreation table to let them know of any updates or decisions. No action taken on this item.

Discuss 2015 Kite Day festival

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito asked for a meeting between himself and the Kite Day subcommittee, sometime after he returns from his vacation. He will be returning Wednesday August 26, 2015. They agreed. Specifically going over the layout of the parking lot for the vendors. No action taken on this item.

Discuss review of 2005 Parks Master Plan

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito presented his Master Plan review report. City Manager Isaac Turner asked the Committee to focus on the projects listed in the 2005 Master Plan and to prioritize specific items.

Motion was made by Committee member David Morris to accept and recommend to City Council the Master Plan initiative report as presented by Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito.

Second by Committee member Kathleen Eason

Vote: Ayes: All Nays: 0

Motion passed.

Discuss potential upcoming grant project opportunities

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito stated that the City may have approximately 150,000 to 200,000 to match grant funds for outdoor park improvement projects. Proposed park improvements for Robinson Park are estimated at 400,000. Proposed park improvements for Heritage Park are estimated at 400,000. Proposed park improvements for Bull Branch Park are estimated at 250,000.

Motion made by Committee member Matthew Temple to recommend to City Council to secure grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the proposed park improvements in the order Mike presented: 1. Robinson Park, 2. Heritage Park and 3. Bull Branch Park.

Second by Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris.

Vote: Ayes 9 Nays 1 opposed Committee member Andrew Gonzales

Motion passed by majority

Discuss swimming pool operations contract

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito stated that the pools contract will go out for formal bids for the year 2016. Mr. DeVito presented a list of key points to the Committee, recommending a yearly contract.

Motion was made by Committee member David Morris to recommend to City Council to approve the key points list as presented by Mr. DeVito for pool operations.

Second by Committee member Lonnie Zycha.

Vote: Ayes All

Motion passed.

Discuss Doak ballfields short term funding options

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito stated that he is in contact with the Baseball Tomorrow Fund to get grants to improve the Doak ballfields. Mr. DeVito has applied for the grant in the past, with no results, but will keep applying. No action taken on this item.

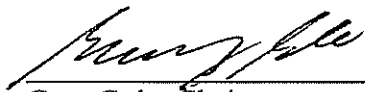
Identify items for next meeting

- Report on Doak ballfields (Mike DeVito)
- Update on Master Plan (Mike DeVito)
- Update on Skatepark (Mike DeVito)
- Results for the Kite Day event (Mike DeVito)

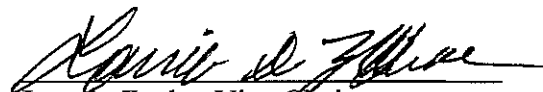
Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman