MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 15, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT	ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Kathleen Eason	Larry Levy	Mike DeVito, P&R Superintendent
Gary Gola	Kenny Orts	Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Andrew Gonzales	Lonnie Zycha	Isaac Turner, City Manager
Jennifer Jewett		Noel Bernal, Asst City Manager
David Morris		
Stayci Roznovak-Burris		
Ginger Schneider		
Matthew Temple		

Call to order and declare a quorum
The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation was given by Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizens Communications
None

REGULAR AGENDA

Approve minutes from the May 20, 2015 meeting
Motion was made by Committee member Matthew Temple to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2015 meeting.
Second by Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Vote: All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discuss Parks Master Plan
The Parks Master Plan was thoroughly discussed. Options for updating, amending or starting a new plan from scratch were all discussed. The Committee will have a meeting with the City Council to get direction for the Parks Master Plan. The Committee's and City staff's goal is to be in the right position to take advantage of grant opportunities when monies become available. There are grant fund opportunities available from the Texas Parks & Wildlife in October 2015. Parks and Recreation Mike DeVito will bring a project list to the next meeting on August 19, 2015 for the Committee to vote on. City Manager requested the Committee to focus on the projects for the north, south and Heritage parks. No action taken on this item. With a show of hands, the Committee agrees to update the Parks Master Plan.

Discuss future swimming pool operations

2015 is the last year for the pool contract between the City of Taylor and the YMCA. This will have to go out for bids for the 2016 year per City Attorney Ted Hejl. Committee has been asked to vote on specific items to be put in the contract, ie pool hours, pool dates, etc. at the next meeting on August 19, 2015. No action taken on this item.

Receive presentation on park impacts from Memorial Day flooding

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito stated the damage to the parks system was estimated at 150,000 to 200,000 dollars. That quote includes all parks, tennis courts, pavilions, hike and bike trails and the Regional Sports Complex. This was all wind damage, not flood damage. No action taken on this item.

Discuss 2015 Kite Day festival

Kite Day will be held on Saturday, September12, 2015. The Kite Festival will be held at the Taylor Regional Sports Complex at 210 Carlos Parker Boulevard. Registration will begin at 9:00 am. Kite flying will be from 10:00 to 10:30. Judging will be from 10:30 to 11:30. Awards will be given at 12:00 noon. Booths need to be set up and ready by 10:00 am. Mr. DeVito will supply Tshirts for committee members and City staff. Mr. DeVito stated that the monies raised from Kite Day can be used for a parks project. Which project can be decided on at a later date.
Motion by Committee member Matthew Temple: to recommend to approve vendor applications as presented.
Second by Committee member David Morris
Vote: Ayes all Nays none

Update on the West End School facility

City Council, as presented by City Manager Isaac Turner, is looking for a prospective buyer for the West End School property. No action taken on this item.

Discuss status of Egret Rookery in Murphy Park

Committee asked Parks and Recreation Superintendent to contact Texas Parks and Wildlife to see if they would supply some type of artificial roosting material to install on the island. No action was taken on this item.

Identify items for next meeting

- Proposed project list for Master Plan grants-Committee to vote on at August meeting
- Pool Contracts
- Doak Ballfields short term funding options

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Gary Gola, Chairman

Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman