

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 18, 2014
CITY OF TAYLOR LIBRARY
801 VANCE STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Madeline Ward, student

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P & R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist

Call to order and declare a quorum

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

Citizens Communications

None

Approve the minutes from the May 21, 2014 meeting

Motion was made by Committee Vice Chairman Lonnie Zycha to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2014 meeting. Second by Committee member Kenny Orts. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Brief update on the 50/50 Skate Park project

Mr Humphreys could not attend the meeting. No action taken on this item.

Discuss opening meetings with prayer

This item was discussed. There was no opposition to opening meetings with prayer. No action taken on this item.

Feedback from Kite Fly Day subcommittee

The committee would like to see banners up before 4th of July. There will be 3 age categories: Child 11 & under, Teen 12 – 18, Adult over 18. There will also be 3 categories for competition: Highest, Longest Duration and Retail Bought or Homemade. Prizes will be given for each category. No entry fee is required to enter. This is a family event with the intent of Taylor

families having a fun time together in a family environment. The judges will be councilmen who have volunteered and committee members who have also volunteered their time. This event will also need someone for registration and foot traffic direction. The subcommittee will also have to create a scorecard for each participant for scoring purposes. Prizes will be solicited by committee member from local businesses and organizations. The committee will advertise on facebook, using banners around the City, by newspapers and putting fliers into the schools. The next meeting date for the subcommittee is set for Wednesday, June 25, 2014 @ 6:00 pm at the Murphy Park Aquatics center. Only 3 members will be able to attend this meeting due to conflicting schedules of the other 2 members. The date of Saturday, September 13, 2014 is set for the Kite Fly day and location will be determined at a later time. A subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation committee to oversee the Kite Fly day activities will be members Matthew Temple, Hugh Shelton, Stayci Burris, Kathleen Eason and Lonnie Zycha. No action taken on this item.

Discuss what a rec center for Taylor should include and where it should be located

The first question to be answered regarding trying to get a Rec Center for Taylor is: does the public want one. The committee would like to poll the public and youth organizations to get feedback and hold meetings to let the public speak to this issue. Parks Superintendent Mike DeVito and Chairman Gary Gola will check with upper management and council to see if the committee has the authority to do a survey. The survey could be handed out at the Kite Day event to be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014. No action taken on this item.

Discuss setting up an RV park at TRPSC to address groups using prime parking spaces and blocking travel lanes

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito has not seen Williamson County/Rodeo Association's final plans for the Williamson County Event center, so he doesn't know if it includes an RV Park. So in the meantime, while waiting to see their final plan, an interim plan needs to be in place to control the RV parking. Approx 10 to 15 RV's are coming in to the weekend tournaments. Committee member Andrew Gonzales suggests signage to guide them to a designated area. Mr DeVito stated that signage is already being considered and will probably be installed in a timely manner. No action taken on this item.

Discuss adding fencing to Robinson pavilion

Parks and Recreation Mike DeVito stated that a verbal quote he was given by a fencing company was approx \$7,000.00 for 42" fencing around the pavilion. More signage regarding rules of reservations may be helpful in keeping others out of the pavilion ahead of a person who has reserved it by filling out paperwork and having their reservation sign posted in the kiosk at the entrance to the pavilion. Committee member Daniel Philhower made a motion to not pursue the fencing and instead seek options of more signage locking the electrical lighting and/or locking the electrical outlets.

Ayes 7 Opposed 4 Motion Passed

Discuss setting goals and status reports

The committee would like to organize a bucket list of their goals and accomplishments with quarterly summarizations. Committee chairman Gary Gola will analyze minutes from the last 18

months of meetings and put together the list of projects along with a status column so members can see where all projects stand. No action taken on this item.

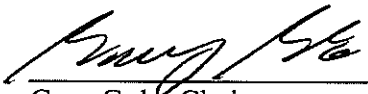
Identify items for next meeting

- Brief update on the 50/50 skatepark project (Brent Humphreys)
- Feedback from Kite Day subcommittee (Lonnie Zycha)
- Discuss how to get a recreation center in Taylor (Gary Gola)
- Discuss setting up RV park at TRP to address groups using prime parking spaces and blocking travel lanes (Gary Gola)
- Status of Facebook page on City's website (Mike DeVito)
- List of Mike DeVito's official duties (Mike DeVito)

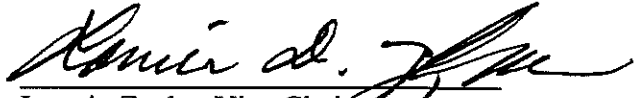
Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman