

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 21, 2014
CITY OF TAYLOR LIBRARY
801 VANCE STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Kathleen Eason
Andrew Gonzales
Gary Gola
Kenny Orts
Hugh Shelton
Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Matthew Temple
Lonnie Zycha

ABSENT

Jennifer Jewett
David Morris
Daniel Philhower
Madeline Ward, student member

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P &R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Councilman Chris Gonzales
Visitor Amanda Gonzales

Call to order and declare a quorum

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

Citizens Communications

None

Approve the minutes from the March 19, 2014 meeting

Motion was made by Committee member Matthew Temple to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2014 meeting. Second by Committee member Stayci Burris. 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.

Feedback on price structure for Regional Park sponsorships

Parks and Rec superintendent Mike DeVito stated that the pricing for the sponsorships will be offered at a reduced rate as stated before. Actual amounts will be determined at a later date but will be at least half of previously stated amounts. Official introduction of this program will be presented at the beginning of 2015. No action taken on this item.

Discuss sponsoring a Kite Fly day event

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.

Status of adding a Sports Programmer position to the Parks and Recreation staff

Motion was made by Committee member Lonnie Zycha to not hire a Sports Programmer position, instead letting volunteer based groups organize and manage the sports programs, and use the monies allocated for a position, to improve the parks instead.

Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 5 Motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Committee chairman Gary Gola to hire the position of a Sports Programmer in case the volunteer based groups don't materialize, then the Programmer will be available to manage the programs. But if the volunteer groups do organize and manage the programs, that would negate the position of the Programmer.

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 3 Motion passed.

Feedback on local soccer program

Committee member Matthew Temple stated the soccer games are well attended. The referee pool is made up of local kids who are paid. There is a site advisor. No action taken on this item.

Discuss student membership

The committee would like to see a quick mechanism for replacement of a student member, if that student cannot attend regularly. Parks and Recreation Superintendent will present this request to the City Council and also suggest a Youth Council. Committee member Hugh Shelton suggested community service credit for the student member for his/her service on the Committee. No action taken on this item.

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

This item was tabled due to 3 members having to leave early. There is not a quorum. This item will be on next month's agenda. No action taken on this item.

Discuss maintenance of fields at TRP

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Request meeting with City Council to discuss impact of Parks Committee

Councilman Gonzales spoke to the Committee and suggested that the chairman come to Council meetings on a regular basis to discuss items and ideas. Mr. Gonzales also said the Strategic Planning is on the Council agenda for Thursday May 22, 2014 if the chairman and/or any members would like to come and listen. Mr Gonzales presented the Committee with the direction that Ordinance 2013-01, section 3: "the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board ("Board") shall advise the City Council and Parks and Recreation Director on matters pertaining to the acquisition, development, sound management, maintenance and use of parks and recreation facilities owned or controlled by the City and as directed by the City Council." No action taken on this item.

Discuss Bull Branch pavilion solar lighting project

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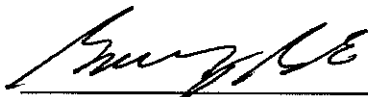
Identify items for next meeting

- Discuss approval of opening meetings with prayer (Mike DeVito/Lonnie Zycha)
- Feedback from Kite Day subcommittee (Lonnie Zycha)
- Discuss how to get a recreation center in Taylor (Gary Gola)
- Brief update on the 50/50 Skate Park project (Brent Humphreys)
- Discuss setting up RV park at TRP to address groups using prime parking spaces and blocking travel lanes (Gary Gola)
- Discuss maintenance of fields at TRP (Matthew Temple)
- Discuss Bull Branch pavilion solar lighting project (Mike DeVito)

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2014.

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



Gary Gola, Chairman



Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman