

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 22, 2015
AUDITORIUM
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Andrew Gonzales
Larry Levy

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P&R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Robert Garcia, G21 Car Show

Call to order and declare a quorum

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

Invocation was given by Committee member Reverend Kathleen Eason

Pledge of Allegiance was not recited, as there was no flag in the auditorium.

Citizens Communications

Mr. Robert Garcia, with the G21 Car Show, presented information about the organization. They have a car show every 4th Sunday in the old Wal Mart parking lot, next to McDonalds. He said they will partner with different charities. They are partnering with the City of Taylor Animal Shelter this month. They are asking participants to bring cat and/or dog food. Free to participate. Free advertising for businesses.

REGULAR AGENDA

Conduct walk through of West End School Facility at 5:00 pm

Members walked through the West End School Facility.

Continue regular meeting at City Hall Auditorium at 6:00 pm

Approve minutes from the March 18, 2015 meeting

Motion was made by Committee member Matthew Temple to approve the March 18, 2015 minutes as presented.

Second by Committee member Kathleen Eason

Vote: All voted aye. Motion passed.

Approve minutes from the April 15, 2015 Downtown Master Plan meeting

Motion was made by Committee member Matthew Temple to approve the April 15, 2015 Downtown Master Plan joint meeting minutes as presented.

Second by Committee member Kathleen Eason.

Vote. All voted aye. Motion passed

Discuss the West End School facility

Some of the issues for this building could include ADA compliance and asbestos abatement. Members would like to see materials from the building recycled, if the building is removed. Members would like to see the cost for demolition of the building.

Motion by Committee member Stayci Roznovak Burris: recommendation to Council that the West End School location be reserved for park and recreation activities.

Second by Committee member Kathleen Eason

Vote: All voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Committee Chairman Gary Gola: recommendation to Council that the West End School building not be addressed until the Parks Master Plan is updated.

Second by Committee member David Morris

Vote: All voted aye. Motion passed.

Discuss Kite Day

Parks and Recreation Superintendent reached out to the Chamber of Commerce for support of Kite Day but did not get a response. The subcommittee set up a meeting date and time: Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 6:00 pm in the City Hall Auditorium. No action was taken on this item.

Discuss a booth at the Blackland Prairie Days

The Parks and Recreation committee will set up a booth downtown for the Blackland Prairie Day event on Saturday, May 2, 2015. Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito was asked by the Committee to send them a sign up sheet and a reminder for the event. No action was taken on this item.

Discuss lights in the Parks and Trails

Committee chairman Gary Gola suggested placing signage on the Hike & Bike poles with the phone number for citizens to call in light outages. No action taken on this item.

Discuss Heritage Park mowing

Motion was made by Committee Member Matthew Temple: recommendation to Council to analyze Heritage Square, pulling it out of the contract and letting the Public Works staff take over the responsibilities.

Second by Committee member Lonnie Zycha

Vote: All voted aye. Motion passed.

Update regarding a parks master plan

The Parks Master Plan was last updated in 2005. The committee asked city staff to email out a website link to the master plan and/or supply hard copies of it. This item tabled until May meeting, giving members time to review the Plan. No action taken on this item.

Discuss the mini-golf course in Murphy Park

Recommendation by Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito is to let the YMCA operate the mini-golf course this 2015 season. No action taken on this item.

Discuss shade coverings over playgrounds

Committee member recommends adding shade structures for the playgrounds to the CIP priority list. And also add it to the Parks Master Plan when it is updated. No action taken on this item.

Discuss funding options for the Doak ball fields

This item tabled until Committee member Andrew Gonzales, who requested this item, can be present. No action taken on this item.

Discuss skate park 50/50 project

This item tabled until Brent Humphreys can attend meeting. Committee member David Morris would like clarification on the name of the 50/50 project. No action taken on this item.

Discuss re-naming the Doak ball fields to honor the Valdez family

Committee member Kenny Orts presented information about the Valdez family and why he would like to see the Doak ball fields re-named after them. The committee requested clarification regarding why the ball fields are named Doak. There was some discussion on criteria of how to name parks or ball fields. The committee asked if there was a procedure to follow for naming/re-naming parks or ball fields. Committee member Matthew Temple would like to see community involvement in this process. This item tabled until further information is provided. No action taken on this item.

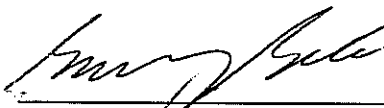
Identify items for next meeting

- Re examine CIP List
- Discuss expiration of the YMCA contract (Mike DeVito)

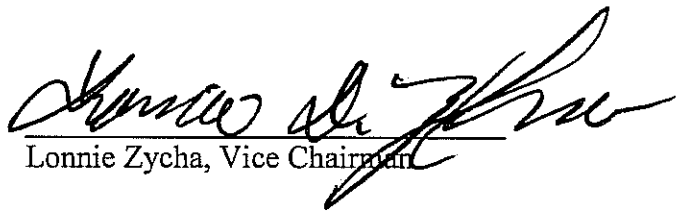
Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman