

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 16, 2014
CITY OF TAYLOR LIBRARY
801 VANCE STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Andrew Gonzales
Gary Gola
Jennifer Jewett
Daniel Philhower
Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Matthew Temple

ABSENT

Kathleen Eason
David Morris
Kenny Orts
Hugh Shelton
Lonnie Zycha
Madeline Ward, student member

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P & R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Danny Thomas, PW Director
Julie Rydell

Call to order and declare a quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared at 6:01 p.m.

Citizens Communications

None

Approve the minutes from the March 19, 2014 meeting

Motion was made by Committee member Daniel Philhower to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Committee member Andrew Gonzales. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Review and discuss parks assessment

All parks assessed by Committee members were discussed: Committee member Andrew Gonzales would like to see "the Hole" ballfield in Robinson park reconstructed for use and also see improvements made to the Doak ballfields. Committee member Daniel Philhower would like to see more trash cans and benches placed in the parks system and signage placed by the volleyball court in Murphy park to advise residents of rules and where to get the volleyball gear. Committee member Matthew Temple would like to see more seating in the Bull Branch park and also more lights around the restrooms in this park. Committee member Stayci Roznovak would like to see the roofing replacement at the Bull Branch Little League concession building completed and lighting placed on the basketball courts by the Pony League ballfield on Mallard Lane. She also would like to see clean up and beautification of Robinson park. Committee member Jennifer Jewett said she is mainly concerned with the safety of the children crossing the street from the Pony Colt ballfield and basketball courts to the other side of Mallard Lane. Committee Chairman Gary Gola would like to see city staff mowing Heritage park instead of hiring a private company. Committee member David Morris submitted his findings in a report, presented to the Committee, in his absence. No action was taken on this item.

Presentation of City of Taylor CIP process

City Council chooses projects for funding annually. No action taken on this item.

Information on Roberts Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order were discussed. No action taken on this item.

Presentation of 2014 pool contract verbage regarding priority access for usage

Parks and Recreation Superintendent presented the Committee with the wording of the City and YMCA pool contract regarding access for swim parties and lessons. No action taken on this item.

Discuss the Parks department sponsoring a booth at the Zest Fest on May 3, 2014 with volunteers from the Parks Committee member to assist

The City will assist the Parks and Recreation committee with obtaining a booth or space at the Zest Fest. Committee members Andrew Gonzales, Stayci Roznovak, Matthew Temple and Chairman Gary Gola volunteered to man the booth/space. Motion was made by Committee Member Daniel Philhower. Second by Committee Member Stayci Roznovak-Burris. All voted aye.

Discuss holding a Kite flying day on May 10, 2014 with Parks Committee members to assist and judge

Committee discussed having a Kite Flying day on May 10, 2014. Consensus of the Committee is that was too soon to put the event together. So possibly a later date would work. The Committee was ok with Committee member Lonnie Zycha pursuing this event on an individual level and the Committee would show their support of his efforts. No action taken on this item.

Presentation of a Butterfly Garden in Murphy park

Julie Rydell presented the Committee with specifics on the Butterfly Garden. It will be by the playground in the circular drive. Project Loop, Keep Taylor Beautiful and the Garden Club and possibly the Cub Scouts will be sponsoring the Garden. There will be a Butterfly sculpture, native plants will be planted and the groups involved have registered with Monarchwatch.org. Donations of \$100.00, \$150.00 have come in and a grant of \$400.00 from the native plant society has been made to and for the Butterfly Garden. Saturday May 10, 2014 will be the dedication day, recognizing resident Ms Betty Jackson for her work in the community. The City of Taylor will maintain the Garden for 1 year. Saturday April 26, 2014 will be a work day for the Garden. All residents and businesses are encouraged to come out and participate. No action taken on this item.

Presentation for local sponsorships for the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito presented a 3 tier gold, silver and bronze sponsorship program for the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex. Funds raised would be entrusted to the Parks Foundation and would be redirected to all parks. Whichever tier sponsored would dictate where signage would be placed at the Sports Complex. Mr. DeVito will be presenting the price structure to the Committee at the next meeting. None of the funds raised by this sponsorship program goes to the Chamber of Commerce. No action taken on this item.

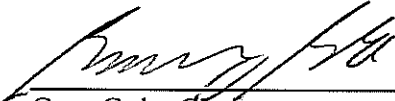
Identify items for next meeting

- Feedback on TRPSC local sponsorship program (Mike DeVito)
- Revisit Kite Day for 4th of July instead of May 10th (Lonnie Zycha)
- Status of request of City Council to add a Sports programmer to the Parks and Recreation staff (Mike DeVito)
- Discuss student membership (Gary Gola)
- Request to Mike DeVito to speak to Councilmen to ask if any of them would come speak at a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to let the Committee know what impact they have on the Council

Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman