

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 20, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 PORTER STREET
TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

Kathleen Eason
Gary Gola
Andrew Gonzales
Jennifer Jewett
Stayci Roznovak-Burris
Ginger Schneider
Matthew Temple
Lonnie Zycha

ABSENT

Larry Levy
Davis Morris
Kenny Orts

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike DeVito, P&R Superintendent
Leisha Morrison, Admin Assist
Celia Garrett, Visitor
Thomas Rohlack, Visitor

Noel Bernal, Asst City Manager
Helli Nelson, CIO for City

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 Stayci Roznovak-Burris.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizens Communications

Ms. Celia Garrett spoke to suggest creating a dog park with fencing and water supply in Taylor.
Mr. Thomas Rohlack spoke in support of a disc golf course.

REGULAR AGENDA

Approve minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting

Motion: was made by Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting.

Second: Committee member Ginger Schneider

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes approved.

Update on Disc Golf Course

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito presented the committee with two different costs, one for a professionally designed course with concrete pads and one designed in house, with rubber mats. The cost for a professionally designed course was approximately \$19,000.00 for an 18 hole course and approximately \$6,000.00 for an in house designed course. Mr. DeVito stated that if the recommendation from the committee was to create an in house course, he could budget for that expense in the 2016/2017 budget, which funds would be available after October 1, 2016.

Motion: Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris to recommend to City Council to approve the location for the disc golf course (9 hole course on the east side of Davis street Hike & Bike and the other 9 holes on the west side of Davis street Hike & Bike to be installed at a later

date) and approval to allow the committee to seek outside funding and sponsorship for the modified (in-house) plan as presented by Mr. DeVito.

Second: Committee member Kathleen Eason

Vote: All ayes.

Motion passed.

Update on Parks and Recreation Facebook page

Information Officer Holli Nelson presented to the Committee the reasons the City would like to streamline the social media on the City's website. It would provide easier access for the public to find information. The committee members agree this is a good idea. No action taken on this item.

Receive presentation on updated parks/recreation inventory

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito presented an updated parks/recreation inventory with TISD facilities listed. No action taken on this item.

Update on Downtown Skate Park/50/50 project

Assistant City Manager Noel Bernal stated that City Council directed staff to proceed with research, planning and design, without funding, into a location on First street for the proposed skate park. City staff is researching the infrastructure at this location. No action taken on this item.

Discuss skate park option in Murphy Park

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito stated that the proposed cost for installation of the skate park equipment in the lower Murphy park pavilion, is approximately \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

Motion: Committee member Matthew Temple to recommend to City Council to not provide any major funding to Project Loop/50/50 on the skate option at the Murphy park pavilion. Project Loop can use the lower pavilion, but they have to provide all the equipment and cost to install. The City provides the property only.

Second: Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris

Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 Committee member Jennifer Jewett

Motion passed by majority.

Update on Doak street ball lighting

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito stated that the lighting Hutto Parks and Recreation may have had available, are no longer available at this time. Committee member Andrew Gonzales stated that he would like to see a playscape installed at the ball fields. No action taken at this time.

Update on egret island

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito has not received any response from the calls he has made to the Texas Parks and Wildlife for information on how to create another habitat for the egrets. Committee member Lonnie Zycha suggested a "bird watch day". Mr. DeVito will reach out to the Audobon Society and the A&M extension services for information. No action taken on this item.

Review committee member expiring terms and recommend reappointments

Our existing members terms are expiring January 31,2016. They are committee members Kathleen Eason, Andrew Gonzales, Lonnie Zycha and Jennifer Jewett.

Motion: Committee member Matthew Temple recommends to City Council to reappoint all our existing members.

Second: Committee member Kathleen Eason

Vote: All ayes.

Motion passed.

Review and discuss new member applications and make recommendations

There is one new application for membership, Ms. Laurie Connally. There is not a vacant position at this time.

Motion: Committee member Matthew Temple recommends to City Council to have the Chairman or Parks and Recreation get an official statement from Committee Member Larry Levy on his desire to remain on the committee or to step down from his position.

Second: Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris

Vote: All voted ayes.

Motion passed.

Motion: Committee member Stayci Roznovak-Burris recommends to City Council to fill the student position, appointing Timothy Tebeau.

Second: Committee member Lonnie Zycha

Vote: All ayes.

Motion passed.

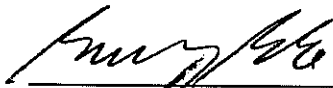
Identify items for next meeting

- Status of West End School (Lonnie Zycha)
- Pool Maintenance Contract (Matthew Temple)
- Elect Chairman and Vice Chairman (Gary Gola)
- Update on Heritage Square (Lonnie Zycha)
- Overpopulation of ducks in Bull Branch (Stayci Roznovak-Burris)
- Doak ball fields (Andrew Gonzales)
- 5th street campus (Matthew Temple)
- Dog Park (Matthew Temple)

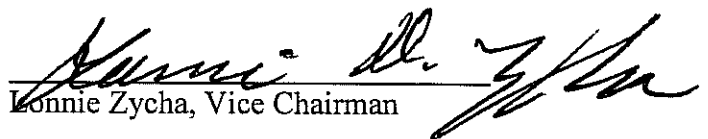
Next meeting date:

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 17, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Gary Gola, Chairman



Lonnie Zycha, Vice Chairman