

**MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
1015 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Taylor, Texas 76574
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

David Campise
Larry Cmerek
Jennifer Jewett
Bill Harrington
Stacy Olsen
Austin Brown
Patrick Tate
Matthew Rangel

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Tyler Bybee, Director
Lisa Buzan, Admin Assist
Curtis Fields, Crew Leader
Matt Topham, Rec Coordinator
Betsy Schultz, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Olsen at 6:00 pm and declared a quorum.

Invocation – Patrick Tate

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by All.

Citizens Communications

None

Agenda Item 1 - Approve minutes from meeting on August 21, 2024 meeting

Motion: Bill Harrington motioned to accept the minutes as presented.

Second: David Campise

Vote: All voted aye.

Minutes are approved as presented.

Agenda Item 2 - Directors Report

Parks and Recreation Staff presented the Directors Report & slideshow.

No action taken on these items.

• **Maintenance Highlights – presented by Superintendent, Betsy Schultz**

- Crew has been busy wrapping up summer.
- Fixed electrical outlets at Bull Branch Pavilion in preparation for Good Life Taylor 5K Race
- Been experiencing quite a bit of vandalism at Bull Branch Park Restrooms. Have replaced toilets with Stainless Steel.
- Trimmed Trees at Taylor Regional Park
- Spreading dirt on cracks at Fields at TRP
- Splash pads shut down procedures for the season at Heritage Square on Tuesday & at Robinson Splash pad in 3 weeks
- Exhaust hood at Dickey Givens has been professionally cleaned at Dickey-Givens Center
- Shane Newel is the new officer downtown patrolling. Ideal would be from Robinson to Murphy)
- FY24: increase of 33% in revenue over FY23

- Biggest September we have ever had! Over 13,000 people at TRP in September
- Walls were taken down at BBQ Pits in Murphy Park
- We have a really good crew right now

Project Updates – presented by Director, Tyler Bybee

- **Heritage Square Park** – Stone work was done to shore up retaining wall.
- **Asphalt Trail** – is tied to the Donna Channel project.
- **Memorial Track Reconstruction**- Holding up on construction until St. Mary's and Youth Football Seasons are complete. October 21st start date with an estimated mid-January completion.
- **Memorial Field Fitness Area** - Shade over fitness equipment installed in September. (Good Life Funded).
- **Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center**- 100% plans are complete, and documents being prepared and is out to bid on October 23rd. Bid should be issued by end of September. We are hoping to Award the bid in October and begin construction in November.
- **Wellness/Recreation Center Feasibility Study**- began with Staff meeting on August 15th. September 25 Kick off & public meeting. October 23 DFW Tour with Steering Committee & Staff. November 20th Steering Committee Workshop, Focus Groups meetings, followed by Public Meeting
- Survey deadline is November 20th.
- Steering Committee:
 - **Jim Buzan** - appointed by Mayor Dwayne Ariola
 - **John Matthews** - appointed by Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Cmerek
 - **Quincy Griffin** - appointed by Councilman Gerald Anderson
 - **John McDonald** - appointed by Councilwoman Shelli Cobb
 - **Julie Rydell** - appointed by Councilman Robert Garcia
 - **Michele Glaze** - Samsung Director of Communication/Community Affairs

Agenda Item 3 - Programs & Events Update

Presented by Rec Coordinator, Matt Topham

September

- Mama Jama Bike Ride
- Kid Fish – September 28
- American Sign Language Class
- Beginner Pickleball Classes
- Adult Volleyball on Sundays at TMS
- Fitness Classes – Added Drum Fit & Senior Fit
- Youth Soccer Clinic

Upcoming

- Pumpkin Decorating – 10/17 at 5:30pm
- Youth Soccer Clinics
- Beginner Pickleball
- Arbor Day – 11/09 at 9am
- Beer Run 5K – 11/02

Agenda Item 4 – November & December Parks Board Meeting Discussion

- November Parks Board meeting will be held at 5:30pm on November 20th at the Taylor Public Library.
- There will be no Parks Board meeting in December.

Agenda Item 5 – Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade Discussion & Planning

Christmas 2023 Recap

- Hot Chocolate Stand
- Pictures with Santa in Truck bed
- Band: Not Past 11
- Vendors:
 - Abraham's
 - Davis BBQ
 - Hacienda Coffee
 - Hola Aloha
 - Cyn's Corn
- Volunteers for Arts & Crafts
 - Taylor Public Library
 - Libros Bookstore
 - Mama Duck
 - NHS & Silvercord Students
 - Taylor Rotary
- Layout & Map

Christmas Planning 2024

- Band: Not Past 11
- Vendors:
 - Abraham's, Hacienda Coffee, The Wavey Potato
- Volunteers for Arts & Crafts
 - Taylor Public Library
- Hot Chocolate Stand

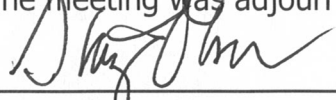
Agenda Item 7 – Identify items for next meeting

- Pool Bid
- Christmas Planning

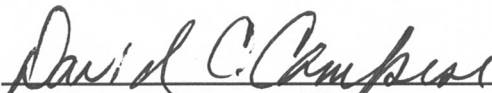
Next meeting date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Taylor Public Library @5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm



Stacy Olsen, Chairwoman



David Campise, Vice Chairman