

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

October 21, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) met on the above date. Chairperson Barron called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted there was a quorum. Alternate Michael Slaughter will be a voting member tonight due to absence of other commissioners.

**HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**

<b><u>Parks and Recreation Commissioners</u></b>	
✓	1. Billy Barron (Chair)
X	2. Kimberly Hinshaw (Vice Chair)
✓	3. Cherie Ware (Secretary)
X	4. Mark Farmer
✓	5. Le Ann Turrentine
<b><u>Parks and Recreation Alternates</u></b>	
✓	1. Michael Slaughter
<b><u>Public Attendees</u></b>	
Frank & Donna Dacosta, Rick Debus, Gary Machado	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 28, 2019 MINUTES [Ware]
2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 MINUTES  
[Ware]

MOTION: Commissioner Turrentine moved to waive the reading of the minutes and approve both August & September minutes. Commissioner Slaughter seconded with Barron, Ware voting for.

Motion carried 4-0.

### 3. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION/DISCUSSION OF A COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT. [Hinshaw]

Chairperson Barron provided Commissioner Hinshaw's proposed mission statement:

Through provision of parks and recreation services, we enhance and enrich the quality of life and nurture the health, well-being of our community, our environment and our economy. We are a community driven. Together, and in partnership with related fields and organizations, public and private entities we:

\*Serve as stewards of the environment creating environmental awareness, and encouraging ecosystem approaches to planning - protecting, preserving and restoring significant natural areas and corridors. Maintaining parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities.

\*Provide programs, activities and events that meet the needs and desires of Parker growing population and foster lasting impressions for our residents and visitors.

Commissioner Slaughter moved to accept proposed language. Commissioner Turrentine seconded with Barron, Ware voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

### 4. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION/DISCUSSION OF REINSTATING WITH KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL. [Hinshaw]

Rick Debus commented that being part of Keep Texas Beautiful is a gateway to getting grants. Commissioner Slaughter asked, what are the benefits of membership to the residents of Parker? Item tabled until Commissioner Hinshaw is back to provide more info.

### 5. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION/DISCUSSION OF WILDFLOWERS. [Ware]

Commissioner Ware – Too late for Fall planting/Spring blooms this year. Recommend a test patch to be planted in Spring for Fall bloom.

Commissioner Slaughter - Boy Scouts do a wildflower program. There's a troop in Parker Lake Estates.

Commissioner Ware to work with Rick Debus on subcommittee.

### 6. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION/DISCUSSION OF LENDING LIBRARIES. [Turrentine]

Commissioner Turrentine shared examples of lending libraries. Cost is \$250-500. Group discussion on purpose of a lending library. Donna Dacosta asked questions about storage & moisture control in the library. Start with donated books – concept is take one/leave one. Do we target audience of children & adults? Chair Barron shared that Wylie, Sachse & Allen libraries allow Parker residents to become members - this is not widely known. Table for further discussion.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION/DISCUSSION OF  
SCOUT PROJECTS. [Debus]**

Rick Debus moved to require that any boy scout preserve-related programs be approved by P&R commission & city staff approval. Commissioner Slaughter seconded with Barron, Ware voting for. Motion carried 4-0. Rick recommends not reaching out to scouts with ideas until we have a better vision of what's needed and regular maintenance has been completed.

**8. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION/DISCUSSION  
REGARDING THE CREATION OF A PARKS AND TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE.  
[Barron]**

Chairperson Barron shared that a trail plan exists that would connect current trail up to Whitestone. Questions about easements, etc. Need to decide what are the priorities. City & county version of trail plan are on line. Commissioner Ware moved to create a subcommittee for Parks & Trails. Commissioner Turrentine seconded, with Barron voting for. Motion carried 3-0. Subcommittee members to be Chairperson Barron, Rick Debus & Matthew Ware.

Commissioner Slaughter moved to amend last vote into 2 separate subcommittees - one for Parks and one for Trails. Commissioner Turrentine seconded, with Ware, Barron voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

The parks subcommittee will submit repair lists directly to city staff, but will bring recommendations for expenditures to commission for review and approval.

Commissioner Ware moves to accept subcommittee members Le Ann Turrentine, Rick Debus & Billy Barron. Commissioner Slaughter seconded with Turrentine, Barron voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

**9. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT PRESERVE MAINTENANCE LIST TO THE CITY  
ADMINISTRATOR AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND TRAILS  
SUBCOMMITTEE TO MAINTAIN THE LIST ON AN ONGOING BASIS AND WORK  
WITH THE CITY IN RESOLVING THE ISSUES. [Barron]**

Gary Machado, Public Works Director for the city of Parker presented information regarding preserve. There is not a set schedule for maintenance – work is done when team is available. (short-staffed) There is some slow down of normal work activity in winter. Current work needed is known, including repair of gazebo and filling in low spots on trail. FYI - The chain link around trees in preserve is to prevent beaver activity. Chairperson Barron asked about using volunteers to conduct light work such as trash pick up. Mr. Machado okay with this if city approves from liability perspective.

Commission will submit list of maintenance items needed to Mr. Machado – crew doesn't walk the trail and notice everything. Mr. Machado confirmed that Boy Scouts built all existing benches. Mr. Debus would like to see some official experienced guidance with scout projects. Gary's team would be responsible for maintenance and/or tear down of items built by scouts. Commissioner Slaughter added that scouts can get their community service ribbons for doing park clean-ups.

ADDED: Need to submit to city staff what info of commission should be included on city website.

Chairperson Barron making list: mission statement, commissioners, meetings, link to agenda/minutes. Commissioner Turrentine moves to submit list. Commissioner Slaughter seconded with Barron, Ware voting for. Motion carried 4-0.

ADDED: Commissioner Slaughter raised idea of using preserve for National Night Out. The city of Celina does a unified National Night Out at their park.

#### 10. DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS.

Next meeting scheduled for Wed, Nov 20th, 2019 and Wed, Dec 11th at 6:00 p.m.

#### ROUTINE ITEMS

#### 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 12. ADJOURN

Chairperson Barron adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Minutes Approved on 20th day of November, 2019.

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Chairperson Billy Barron

Cherie Ware

Commission Secretary Cherie Ware

Attest:

Patti Scott Grey

City Secretary Patti Scott Grey

Exhibit(s):

1 - none