

MINUTES

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

June 10, 2020

**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.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**

<b><u>Parks and Recreation Commissioners</u></b>	
✓	1. Billy Barron (Chair)
✗	2. Kimberly Hinshaw (Vice Chair)
✓	3. Cherie Ware (Secretary)
✓	4. Le Ann Turrentine <i>arrived late</i>
✓	5. Michael Slaughter
<b><u>Parks and Recreation Alternates</u></b>	
✓	1. Donna DaCosta
✓	2. Frank DaCosta <i>voting member</i>
✗	3. Patti Cordina
✓	4. Rick Debus <i>arrived 6:30pm</i>
<b><u>Public Attendees</u></b>	
	Pier Burgess

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

**1. APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2020 MINUTES [WARE]**

Donna DaCosta moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Slaughter seconded with Ware, Slaughter, Frank, Turrentine & Barron voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. CONSIDERATION AND/OR ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION/DISCUSSION ON A PARKER FOOD DRIVE [SLAUGHTER]**

Tabled.

### 3. WILDFLOWER UPDATE [WARE]

Per Commissioners Slaughter & Barron, Gary Machado's crew is down 2 lawnmowers but slower in work volume. Road & water emergencies take priority over preserve maintenance. Commissioner Ware to reach out to Mr. Machado & Mr. Olson regarding needs: weeding, true pruning, etc. on regular cycle.

- **Signage** – Commissioner Ware to share example wildflower signage with commission for input on Preserve needs.

### 4. DISCUSSION OF WHAT PARKS & RECREATION SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT BE DOING DURING THE PANDEMIC [BARRON]

- **Fall Event** – Unlikely to happen with Covid-19, but could pull together something easy like a Fall picnic
- **Holiday Tree Lighting** - Would like to continue with lighting begun last year. Per Chairperson Barron, unsure what happened to lights, will need to gather new lights. Some suggestions to expand on lighting event: hot chocolate booth, cookie table, drive through or preserve path lights, wrapped fire truck, musicians playing carols, candle lit walk. Could become Holiday in the Park event with tree lighting. Different groups (businesses, neighborhoods) could sponsor different lighting displays. Event could be posted live on Facebook for those not comfortable with attending in person
- **Ribbon Campaign** – Tie symbolic ribbons in support of first responders (white), fire (red), police (blue), and 911 operators (gold). Mr. DaCosta volunteered to create artwork for banners that could be placed near ribbons, at monuments. Commissioner Turrentine to research ribbon costs and/or donations, and bring proposal back to July meeting.
- **Social Events** - Rick suggested BBQ truck (competition) for event with social distancing. Barron suggested speaking with Cindy Meyer so event wouldn't conflict with chili cook-off competition & fund raiser for Fire Dept.
- **Preserve Signage** – Commissioner Slaughter expressed concern that most new city residents aren't aware of preserve existence. Discussed need for signage on Hogge & Parker. Would TxDot allow signage on Parker Road?
- **Road Medians** – Discussion of Parker road construction. Options being considered include grass, zero-scaping (concrete) or xeriscape. City staff to present recommendations to council in September. TxDot does provide 1 tree and grass at no charge. Question – does city have a street scape plan like Plano or Richardson? (min. number of trees per distance, etc.) Currently no electricity or irrigation on any medians with exception of electricity on monument signs. Will another monument be needed on Parker Road (coming from Wylie) once construction completed? Commissioner Turrentine will investigate how past monuments were initiated/paid. Plantings on the McCreary monument were paid for by HOA.

## ROUTINE ITEMS

### 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting scheduled for July 8th at 6:00 p.m.

### 6. ADJOURN

Chairperson Barron adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



Minutes Approved on 8th day of July, 2020.

*Billy Barron*

Chairperson Billy Barron

*Cherie Ware*

Commission Secretary Cherie Ware

Attest:

*Patti Scott Gray*  
City Secretary Patti Scott Gray