

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) met virtually 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

<u>Parks and Recreation Commissioners</u>		
✓	1.	Billy Barron (Chair)
x	2.	Kimberly Hinshaw (Vice Chair)
✓	3.	Cherie Ware (Secretary)
✓	4.	Le Ann Turrentine
✓	5.	Frank DaCosta
<u>Parks and Recreation Alternates</u>		
✓	1.	Donna DaCosta - alternate
✓	2.	Rick Debus - <i>voting member in Kimberly's absence</i>
✓	3.	Pier Burgess
<u>Public Attendees</u>		
		None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2021 MINUTES [WARE]
2. APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2021 MINUTES [WARE]

Tabled until copies can be sent back out to commissioners for review. Will vote virtually.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON BOY SCOUT PROJECT [DEBUS]

Rick Debus to review the height of the Preserve sign with Boy Scout, Logan Donaghy. Discussion to have boards 3' deep in ground with cement for stability. Mr. Debus to confirm with Mr. Machado that Logan can remove the old signage under Mr. Debus' supervision.

Mr. Debus moves to approve the proposed boy scout project & budget of \$500. Commissioner DaCosta seconded with Commissioners Barron, Ware, Turrentine, DaCosta & Debus voting for. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairperson Barron to follow up with the city regarding the reimbursement process for project expenses.

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FALL EVENT [TURRENTINE]

The city has approved the date of Sunday, October 24th under the name ParkerFest. The petting zoo has been reserved from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. There is a \$325 balance on the petting zoo (following spring down payment).

Ideas in the works - bounce house, kiddie train, face painting, dunking booth, corn dog truck, dessert truck, beer truck, pumpkin carving contest, craft fair, and live band. The band of Papas & Outlaws are available and a sponsor lined up, if we choose this band. Need to check with Mr. Machado regarding regulations on bake sales, pie eating contests, or something similar.

Murphy is holding their annual Maize Days on Sept 25th, so no conflict between events. Need to think about signage to be posted 2-3 weeks prior to event.

Discussion of not having a Holiday event this December due to how quickly it would need to occur following ParkerFest. Interest in still planning a tree lighting ceremony.

Commissioner Turrentine moves to hold ParkerFest on October 24th from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Commissioner Ware seconded with Chairperson Barron, Commissioners Ware, Turrentine, DaCosta & Debus voting for. Motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Barron will send an official letter to the City Council that the commission has approved the event.

5. REVIEW OF CLEAN UP EVENT [DACOSTA]

Summary of the event sent out by email earlier by DaCosta's. (See Exhibit 1) Overall successful event with lessons learned summarized in the email. Would have benefited from a larger group of volunteers. Will attempt to do a minor clean up event before & after ParkerFest.

6. WILDFLOWER UPDATE [WARE]

No updates at this time.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FORMING A GARDENING CLUB [WARE/BARRON]

Intent would be to focus on planting, weeding and maintenance of the wildflower garden. Past garden club was composed mainly of members of the Parkers Women Club. (Melanie expressed interest in June.) Commissioner Turrentine to ask PWC members if there is interest in reforming a club. Two Parker residents are going through a Master Gardener Program this fall that could participate.

Gazebo floor has been repaired - still needs to be painted.

ROUTINE ITEMS

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. ADJOURN

Chairperson Barron adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Minutes Approved on 11th day of August, 2021.

Billy Barron

Chairperson Billy Barron

Cherie Ware

Commission Secretary Cherie Ware

Attest:

Patti Scott Grey

City Secretary Patti Scott Grey

7/25/2021

Gmail - Great American Cleanup: Success!



Cherie Ware <cherie.ware1@gmail.com>

Great American Cleanup: Success!

4 messages

Frank DaCosta <frank.dacosta@sbcglobal.net>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 7:40 PM

To: Billy Barron <billyb@gmail.com>, Cherie Ware <cherie.ware1@gmail.com>, "hinshawkimberly@gmail.com" <hinshawkimberly@gmail.com>, "lturrentine@verizon.net" <lturrentine@verizon.net>, "pburgess@burgess-inc.com" <pburgess@burgess-inc.com>, Rick Debus <rick.d@signazon.com>, Donna DaCosta <donna_maples@tx.rr.com>

Last evening we held a simple one-hour **Great American Cleanup** event, with great results. We set up a table in front of City Hall with water bottles, grippers, various gloves and trash bags. Billy and Cherie participated with us, and we had one volunteer family, Nick and Shannon Frost and their two boys, Declan (12) and Kellan (10). Between us, we scoured both the Preserve proper and the City Hall area. We gave Declan a document acknowledging his participation as Community Service for scouting purposes.

We learned some useful things this time around.

- Standard trash bags seem to split easily, so maybe we have to rely more on heavy contractor bags.
- The grippers worked very well, even though technically they were designed for indoor use.
- It was hard to keep the bag open while grabbing and stuffing trash. Maybe there is some clever trick or tool to simplify this, or maybe one person grabs and one totes the bag.
- We set aside the used gloves for cleaning, but we realized we needed to do the same with the grippers, especially since we'd been poking them in among the poison ivy!
- For larger cleanup events, we'll want to keep someone manning the table in case we have participants arriving a bit later.

As part of *Keep Texas Beautiful*, we submitted our post-event report with pictures and details. That will keep us in their good graces when it comes to requesting donations from them in the future.

Thanks!

Frank and Donna