

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

February 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

The Parks and Recreation Commission (P&R) met on the above date. Chairperson Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. She noted that since Cherie Ware was absent, Melanie Harris was appointed to take her place as voting member in order to have a full quorum.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

Parks and Recreation Commissioners	
✓	1. Kimberly Hinshaw (Chairperson)
✓	2. Le Ann Turrentine (Vice Chairperson)
✓	3. Pier Burgess (Secretary)
	4. Cherie Ware
✓	5. Frank DaCosta
Parks and Recreation Alternates	
✓	1. Donna DaCosta (Treasurer)
✓	2. Melanie Barnett Harris
	3. Paula Johnston Hutka
✓	4. Cyndy Lane
	5.

Public Attendees	
✓	Lee Pettle (Mayor)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Commission for the City of Parker met on Wednesday February 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Parker City Hall, located at 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas 75002. The meeting was open to the public.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. WELCOME NEW MEMBER(S) (Kimberly)

The commissioners were welcomed and Alternate Cyndy Lane was introduced to the group.

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 9, 2022 MINUTES (Kimberly)

Approval of minutes postponed until next meeting to allow for a new report format.

3. ENTRY SIGNS AND NOTIFICATIONS (Frank)

Graphic art for the redwood signs is still in progress. Once graphics are complete and approved, they will be handed off to Rick Debus for production.

Chairperson Hinshaw noted that additional resources can be found through Texas Parks and Wildlife. Wildlife graphics, written descriptions and more recent surveys are available there.

Further discussion is deferred until next meeting.

4. PARK RULES (Mayor Pettle)

City Council would like recommendations for good park rules.

Rules that are constitutional i.e. No guns

Rules that are enforceable i.e. No smoking

Rules that are easily understood and readable for the park signs i.e., Standard Park icons

Major issues

People entering the barn structure

People trying to do commercial activities

City Council would like a formal proposal and a presentation along with justifications for each addition or revision.

City Council would like to review and approve the verbiage on the signages for the park rules.

Le ANN Turrentine

Chairperson Kimberly made a motion to make changes to the park rules as suggested by the City Council. Pier Second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Frank will email the P&R Commission the park rules as they stand and the rules that were submitted to the council last December by Billy Barron.

5. FUTURE EVENTS (Le Ann)

Commission discussed the possibility of having a small Spring Fest at the beginning of May with a family picnic theme. This festival would kick off a continuous campaign to raise funds for the park enhancements.

Fundraising ideas could be the purchase and dedication of individual brick or stone pavers by donors, dedication of trees or site furniture. The commission will develop a list of possible donor opportunities.

P&R can also make donation jars available at future events. Mayor Pettle verified that we did not have to designate raised funds to a specific item. Funds raised may be used for park enhancements as well as the festivals like Holidaze or the Fall Festival.

6. PARK ENHANCEMENTS

Discussion of site improvements and enhancements consisted of adding landscaped niches with seating and construction of a labyrinth. The commission must make sure that any enhancement is " in Character " of the Parker Preserve.

The Parker Preserve is not officially a designated preserve, but was gifted to the city with the promise that it remains in its natural state.

It was proposed that a list of existing site furniture and items such as bird feeders, bat houses, benches, the gazebo be inventoried and put on a walk list to assess the maintenance needs. The list would be given to the city at regular intervals to schedule repairs.

It was brought to the attention that the wood fence on the south side was in need of repair. Doggie bag stations were in need of trash bags.

A motion was made by Pier to create a subcommittee to solicit donations for improvements for the use of the Parker Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was second by Kimberly. Vote passed 5-0.

7. WILDFLOWER UPDATE (Cherie)

Pier donated edging that will designate the blue bonnet patch and the wild flower garden. The exact location is not known until the flowers start sprouting. Cherie and Pier will put the edging in at that time.

8. HOLIDAZE COMMITTEE

Le Ann is the chair. It was decided that we do 2 large events a year. The media campaign for the fundraiser should start in the spring, maybe in conjunction with Earth Day or Keep Parker Beautiful Day or Spring Fling. Dates are still being researched for the 2 larger events.

9. TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Pier made a motion for the need of a treasurer for tracking donations and budgeting. Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Donna DaCosta volunteered to be treasurer.

10. MEETING TIME

It was agreed that P&R Commission meeting be held the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at Parker City Hall.

ROUTINE ITEMS

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

12. MISSION STATEMENT

Chairperson Hinshaw read the approved Mission Statement for the P&R Commission. Everyone will be sent a copy.

13. ADJOURN

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



Minutes Approved on 9th day of March, 2022.


Chairperson Kimberly Hinshaw

Pier M Burgess
Secretary Pier Burgess

Attest:

Patti Scott Grey
City Secretary Patti Scott Grey