

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Parks Administration Office
1101 W. 4th St.
January 24, 2022
5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jane Ann Oldrup called the January 24, 2022 meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Members were present: Jane Ann Oldrup, Barry Mathison, James Edwards, Becky Joyce, and Becky Robertson with Members Maegan Sanders and Kim Elliott being absent. Chair Oldrup informed the Commission that Member Elliott had resigned his position.

Staff present: Jim Burress, Special Services Director; Colette Hall, Recreation Director; Alex Diaz, Recreation Manager, Eric Chavez, Golf Course Manager; and Sharene Brooks, Parks Administrative Assistant, Sr.

Guests present: Vicki Burress, City Councilor Barry Foster, City Councilor Juan Oropesa, Coach Fernando Sosa, Coach Urbano Sosa, and Coach Britt Cooper.

Guests via GoToMeeting: Rita Kane-Doerhoefer and Juno Ogle.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Robertson motioned to amend the Agenda to rearrange Items 4 and 6. Member Mathison seconded; a voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed with Members Sanders and Elliott being absent.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Member Edwards motioned to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting, Member Joyce seconded; a voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed with Members Sanders and Elliott being absent.

E. REGULAR ITEMS (ACTION ITEMS) *(none)*

F. NON-ACTION ITEMS

2. **Status of Joe Bauman Baseball Stadium a/k/a Coke Field**. Member Edwards inquired about rumors that the field was going to be sold. Director Burress indicated he would not have a problem with selling the property as it is difficult to maintain and lacked parking. Councilor Foster advised that the property would need to be sold to a non-profit or government-to-government, and at fair market value.

3. **Report on Aquatic Center/Recreation Center.** Director Hall went over membership and visitor numbers. The new Recreation Manager Alex Diaz started in January and a new Facility Manager had been hired. April Hunter had taken over the Aquatics Supervisor position. They have been strategizing the future plans for the Adult Center. Attendance and pricing at the Adult Center were discussed and plans to revamp Room 27.

6. **Informational Input Regarding School Golf.** The scheduled high school golf tournaments of 3/31, 4/11, and 4/12 were discussed. The golf coaches provided input as to their school's golf teams. Whether cart and ball charges could be comped was brought up as well as the amount in fees that the school district pays to the City. Golf Manager Chavez would like to see the kids playing year round, not just during the season.

4. **Report on Zoo.** Chair Oldrup advised that Director Wright was unable to be at the meeting; there would not be a Zoo report this time.

5. **Report on Parks Department.** Director Burress gave updates on the Carpenter Park playground installation, the dirt work for Chisum Park, and the RFP on the All-Inclusive playground. Member Mathison asked about the new \$60 million baseball complex location and the number of fields planned for the new complex. He had frustrations that the input provided by those who knew what was needed for the new complex had been ignored.

7. **Continued Discussion on Creating a Yearly Calendar for Commission Meetings.** Member Mathison and Director Burress discussed how the process of scheduling games/try-outs/etc. should work. Dates were given for Noon-op and Lions Hondo try-outs and Opening Ceremonies. The number of fields needed to host tournaments at the new complex were discussed -- the advantages/disadvantages were gone over. The current planned location is inadequate to fit 16 fields; it is not big enough. Member Edwards asked for clarification on the new Recreation Facility Maintenance employee and who would be doing what for maintenance. Director Burress advised the Commission about the Fix-It Forms on the City website. Manager Diaz provided information about meeting with the leagues to get MOU's in place. Member Edwards reiterated the communication problem -- there should only be one person from each league contacting the City. Manager Diaz agreed that it should be the League President or their designee. Member Robertson inquired about the usage of the video equipment at the Rec Center. There was discussion regarding yoga, the need for instructors, and pickle ball being a relatively inexpensive sport.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

8. **Public Comments.** *(none)*

H. ADJOURN

Member Edwards motioned to adjourn the meeting, Member Mathison seconded; a voice vote was unanimous, and the motion passed with Members Sanders and Elliott being absent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. Next Commission meeting: February 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.