

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS  
MARCH 25, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Celeste Hamman, Chair; Lisa Nye-Salladin, Vice-Chair; Matthew Thurlow; Wayne Uecker; Jesse Olvera; Lynda Ables; Rose Bradshaw; Greg Peschel

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Dr. Charles Hueber

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rosa Ledesma, Parks and Recreation Specialist; Tina North, Office Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

On Thursday, March 25, 2021 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting was called to order by Celeste Hamman, Chair at 8:15 a.m. in the meeting room at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library Meeting Room.

**INVOCATION**

Offered by Rose Bradshaw

**1. VISITOR / CITIZENS FORUM**

Jeremy Walther

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 2A. Approval of minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting held on December 17, 2020. Rose Bradshaw motioned to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by Wayne Uecker and passed 7-0.

Jesse Olvera arrived at 8:17 a.m.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3A Honor outgoing members**

Ashlea Boyle and Celeste Hamman presented recognition awards to the following outgoing board members for their dedicated service to the Kerrville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

- Lisa Nye-Salladin – 2017 to 2021
- Rose Bradshaw – 2017 to 2021
- Greg Peschel – 2018 to 2021
- Jesse Olvera – 2018 to 2021

**4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

**4A. Director's Report**

Ashlea Boyle gave a presentation and provided updates on the following:

Board Members

- Board appointments made by the City Council on March 23, 2021 were as follows:
  - Wayne Uecker (reappointment)
  - Dr. Charles Hueber (reappointment)
  - David Bartels (new member)
  - Erik Silvius (new member)

- Morgan Bond (new member)
  - Karen Yanez (new member)
- Existing members: Celeste Hamman, Lynda Ables, Matthew Thurlow.

#### Capital Projects Update

- Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update – this plan is intended to guide the continued development of the City of Kerrville Park and Recreation Department and is a tool to educate and explain needs within the system. The 2021 P&R Master Plan is the identification of more detailed specifics and projects broadly described in the 2050 Comprehensive Plan. In order to meet state grant qualifications, there will need to be a coordination process between staff and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Ashlea Boyle requested the board's involvement with discussions to begin at the next board meeting. The current P&R Master Plan was last updated in 2008.

Jeremy Walther spoke on the Singing Wind Park improvements concept, and Skate Park community interest.

- River Trail Extension to Downtown – discussed the next phase of the Kerrville River Trail. A feasibility analysis of the River Trail extension from G Street to Tranquility Island is in progress. City Council has finalized a funding agreement with the Economic Improvement Corporation for development of the Concept Study on January 12<sup>th</sup> with completion of this study in May of 2021.
- Kerrville-Schreiner Park Improvements – consulting firm has been hired to design a concept for much needed improvements on the Hillside / Southside of the parks large field area. Design scopes include: water line replacement, new RV sites, new cabins, new Tiny Homes, and several new amenities. The firm was asked to address and consult on a pedestrian crossing along Hwy. 173.
- Light the Island Project – approximate \$200K project. This project consists of up lighting for an enhanced experience with the goal to light approximately 110 trees along Tranquility Island. The city is working with the Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation on raising funds for the electrical project estimated at \$100K. EIC has agreed to match that contribution and an agreement was approved by the City Council on March 23, 2021. Future potential opportunities from the Light the Island project will be that these lights would be programmable to provide opportunity to light up other holidays such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of the River and the Kerrville River Festival and would also support a development for a Christmas destination experience in the city.
- Library Stairs to Tranquility Island – this projects scope is to replace existing wood stairs with a concrete ramp to meet ADA standards. Design is approximately 75% complete with the anticipation that bidding / construction will commence late spring / summer 2021.
- Olympic Pool Repairs – the Olympic Pool was built in 1970. All repairs are due to the old and aging infrastructure.
  - Repair #1 – Austin Pro Leak detected two leaks; a large structural crack approximately 25' – 30' in the pool shell that is leaking at a high rate and a gutter line leak beneath the deck. Repairs for the leaks are currently underway with a cost for repair of \$27,000
  - Repair #2 – Mechanical issues in the pool pump room; filters and pump infrastructure are failing and need to be replaced with a cost for repair of \$130,000

## Winter Storm 2021 Update

- City Emergency Operations Center – the EOC included key city personnel to monitor, prepare and respond to the storm.

### Personnel included:

- Incident Commanders – Chief Eric Maloney and Chief Chris McCall
- Emergency Management Coordinator – Jeremy Hughes
- Fire Operations & Logistics – Steven Boyd
- Shelter Planning – Ashlea Boyle
- Nursing Home Planning – Misty Gordon
- Logistics – Guillermo Garcia, Shannon Flowers and Joel Bryant

### EOC Mission:

- Monitor and mitigate street conditions for safe travel, closures, and emergency access
- Establish and support shelter operations
- Support local nursing homes
- Support food and water delivery for homebound citizens
- Identify opportunities for community-wide water
- Support other department missions

### Shelter Mission:

- American Red Cross and Salvation Army not available during COVID
- Shelters available; Salvation Army, Calvary Temple Church Hospitality Room, First United Methodist Church gym, Kerrville VA Auditorium, and Schreiner University for Public Safety personnel
- Warming Centers included the Ingram High school gym, BT Wilson gym and the Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center

### Other Missions – Parks

- Deployed with the Emergency Operations Center team
- Coordinated sheltering operations across the community
- Assisted Street crews with roadway operations at the initial event onset (road closures, downed limbs, etc.)
- Prepared public facilities for the onset of the deep freeze
- Helped fill “staffing gaps” across multiple departments during the storm events due to inclement weather
- Part of potable water delivery team
- Continued disaster recovery and clean up (limbs, city facility damage assessment, etc.)

Results of storm accrued 63 damage claims so far, city-wide. Parks and Recreation Dept. damage claims included:

- Golf – netting, restrooms, bridge, and pump house
- Tennis – restrooms, windscreens, fencing, and poles
- KSP – roof and restroom damage
- Public Works – water production and water reclamation
- Cailloux Theater – HVAC and compressor damage

## Events and Activities

- Drive-In Movie – this new event’s primary location was held in the large field at Kerrville-Schreiner Park on March 20<sup>th</sup> with 40+ cars in attendance. A fun and exciting way to stay safe during the pandemic.
- Mother and Son Dance – to be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Dietert Center. Tickets will be sold online or at the Park Office for this event. This inaugural event was supposed to take place in 2020 but was cancelled due to Covid-19.

- Daddy & Daughter Dance – will be held on June 5, 2021. Tickets on sale online or at the Park Office. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this event may look different.
- Movies in the Park – movies will be held in various parks; all movies are free to the public. Social distancing will be encouraged.
- Concerts by the River – to be held at the Louise Hays Centennial Stage. Concert dates:
  - May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - June 18<sup>th</sup>
  - June 25<sup>th</sup>
 All concerts are free to the public; social distancing will be encouraged.
- Socially Distanced Activities – citizens were giving an opportunity to complete online and socially-distanced activities at home or in our parks during the pandemic.
  - Hop Along the River Trail – Community members were encouraged to “hop” along the River Trail in search of large hidden Easter eggs

#### Leagues and Park Operations

- Adult Co-Ed Soccer League – The summer league starts on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Kerrville Sports Complex; \$350 fee per team. A winter league was held January 5<sup>th</sup> – February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Loop 534 sports fields with four teams participating.
- Adult Flag Football League – A spring league was held at the Loop 534 sports fields with four participating teams. The fall league starts on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Loop 534 sports fields; \$350 fee per team.
- Adult 3v3 Basketball Tournament – this first ever adult basketball tournament will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Carver Park basketball courts; \$40 fee per team.
- Adult Co-Ed Sand Volleyball Tournament – this 4v4 tournament will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lehmann-Monroe Park Sand Volleyball Court; \$40 fee per team.
- Kerrville-Schreiner Park –
  - Spring Break Stats – Spring Break was March 12<sup>th</sup> thru March 21<sup>st</sup>; revenue generated was \$31,738. Occupied sites were as follows: RV sites at 98%, cabins at 84%, and tent sites at 54%
  - Spring Break Activities – Pre-packaged S'more kits were given to campers upon arrival.
  - Merchandise – new KSP merchandise available for sale at the Park Office; camping mugs, hats, and t-shirts.
  - Annual Bow Hunt – the park was closed from December 2<sup>nd</sup> thru December 18<sup>th</sup> for this hunt; with 27 participants. The final harvest count was eight whitetail does, eight whitetail bucks, one axis buck, two axis doe, and two antelope doe.
- Golf Course Budget Performance Summary –
  - FY21 YTD is solvent by \$379 with \$356,068 in revenue and \$355,671 in expenditures.
  - FY20 cash balance broke even with \$948,894 in revenue and \$945,204 in expenditures.
- Kerrville Sports Complex – Due to COVID-19 the Sports Complex was closed from March 2020 through May 2020. D-BAT tournaments resumed on June 6<sup>th</sup> and fall soccer resumed in September 2020. The Kerrville Little League and youth soccer organizations will not be charged usage fees for the complex. Staff has been working with the Kerrville Little League in an attempt for them to play at

our facility. The Sports Complex received a \$500,000 grant from The Cailloux Foundation for improvements to be split between two years; \$300K for Pod 3 lighting in 2020 (which is completed), and \$200K for further improvements such as artificial turf for the bull-pens and high wear areas in 2021. D-Bat tournament team participation has increased from 601 teams in 2018 to 924 in 2020.

- General Park Promos –
  - A billboard was placed along 281 near Blanco Rd. to promote Kerrville.
  - P&R celebrated St. Patrick's Day by inviting citizens to take a guess at how many gold coins in a jar. Winner received the jar of coins along with a free round of golf at the Kerrville Schreiner Golf Course.

5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Board meeting dates and times.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Celeste Hamman announced the Easter Hill Country tour to be held throughout the month of April 2021. Participants will be able to receive discounts at participating businesses around the city; and encouraged business owners to participate in the 'keys to the city' initiative program.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

APPROVED: Celeste Hamman  
Celeste Hamman, Chair

DATE: 6/1/2021

ATTEST: ABoyle  
Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tina North  
Tina North, Office Manager