

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
August 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicholas Cantrell- Chair; Wayne Uecker- Vice-Chair; Lisa Nye-Salladin, Erik Silvius, Cabe Johnson, Dr. Charles Huebner, Morgan Bond

ABSENT MEMBERS

David Bartels, Karen Yanez

STAFF PRESENT

Deidre Flores, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Tina North, Office Manager; Malcolm Matthews, Consultant

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, August 16, 2022 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board special meeting was called to order by Nicholas Cantrell, Chair at 5:30 p.m. in the Grill Room at the Dietert Center.

INVOCATION

Offered by Dr. Charles Huebner

1. VISITOR / CITIZENS FORUM

None.

2. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

2A. Nicholas Cantrell explained tonight's meeting process and introduced Deidre Flores, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. The board was updated by Mrs. Flores on the Singing Wind Park Master Plan and the topics that will be covered in tonight's special called meeting. She then presented Malcolm Matthews, Consultant.

Mr. Matthews began the discussion with a handout that listed suggestions gathered at the public input meeting held on July 20, 2022. Residents of Kerrville who attended the public input meeting in July wrote suggestions on easel boards using post-it notes. On the distributed handout, Mr. Matthews included every idea from the post-it notes. The public scored the following eleven recommendations as having the highest priority, by zone. These priority projects resulted in the need to prepare a Singing Wind Park Master Plan to ensure organized development of the park over the long term. The planning process for this master plan has resulted in further identification of needs and interest of the park. Mr. Matthews presented handouts with possible locations for priority items identified by the public input meeting on July 20, 2022. During this presentation he invited the public and the board to provide feedback and suggestions to possible adjustments to locations and types of amenities. Mr. Malcolm reviewed each suggestion listed below through the power point presentation and handouts:

Zone 1

1. 1.3 – Create trailhead to all hike / bike trails in park, including connectivity to pool and other activity centers in the park. Include signage, covered seating, small gathering pavilion, drinking fountain, trash / recycle receptacles and benches.
2. 1.4 – Install BMX / pump track
3. 1.6 – Define existing trails; work to eliminate "rogue" trails to mitigate erosion and improve safety

Wayne Uecker arrived at 5:41 p.m.

4. 1.7 – Create connection to River Trail / Schreiner University by way of Olympic Drive extension to the south

5. 1.9 – Add disc golf course

Zone 2

6. 2.1 – Implement Olympic Pool Feasibility Study as stand-alone project; include generalized footprint in master plan

7. 2.2 – Repurpose ball fields #2 and #3 to multifaceted / zoned dog park with shaded seating, dog-size appropriate areas, drinking bowls, internal walking trail, and signage

8. 2.6 – Evaluate the use of solar panels to heat the pool / provide level of power for park features / security lighting

Zone 3

9. 3.3 – Permanently address eroded areas along 8" gas pipeline; recommend relocating line away from park and abandon / remove line

10. 3.4 – Improve Skate Park – add shade, new features, address erosion, add drinking fountain, seating, signage, trash / recycle receptacles; add walkway to restroom; improve event / competition support features (i.e. surfaces for booths, tents, and trailers, wiring for sound system / electronic boards, Wi-Fi capability, etc.); improve lighting efficiency; work with skate community to define features and design

Zone 4

11. 4.1 – Improve playground ADA access throughout with equipment that is accessible by all

The Singing Wind Park Master Plan overview, summary of proposed features, and descriptions were covered by Mr. Matthews. Improvements to Singing Wind Park were noted as the highest priority project in the 2022 Kerrville Parks and Recreation Master Plan and a priority for community parks and recreation in the Kerrville 2050 Comprehensive Plan, according to a handout that was distributed to the board.

The goal is to establish the project element priorities, determine any land use advantages or conflicts in placement of these elements in the park, and to generally provide space allocation to each element and improvement to effectively plan the park. Facility design will be established with a future funding and design phase for any of the park elements, whereby scope and details will be developed.

Morgan Bond left at 6:30 p.m.

The Advisory Board Committee gave their recommendations and were questioned by Mr. Matthews over their acceptance of the following modifications to the Singing Wind Master Plan:

- A. Move the bike facility to the Southeast nearer the Skate Park
- B. Create a low impact, off-leash dog park where the bike facility currently is shown
- C. Also move the Disc Golf course to the west side of the park

- D. Add "develop defined enduro trails" to the trail section to try to limit rogue trails / erosion
- E. Adjust the current west side trail head / parking, as needed
- F. Change "extend Olympic Drive" to connect to Main Street, as opposed to Schreiner University and only mention Schreiner University as a river trail

3. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

3A. Nothing was discussed.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

4A. Nothing was announced.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

7:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____



Nicholas Cantrell, Chair

DATE: _____

9/8/2022

ATTEST: _____



Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation

RECORDING SECRETARY: _____



Tina North, Office Manager