

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
MARCH 9, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne Uecker - Chair; Lisa Nye-Salladin - Vice Chair, Erik Silvius, Cabe Johnson, Dr. Charles Hueber, Michelle Yanez, David Bartels, Russell Nemky

ABSENT MEMBERS

Morgan Bond

STAFF PRESENT

Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation; Deidre Flores, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Tina North, Office Manager

CALL TO ORDER

On Thursday, March 9, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's regular meeting was called to order by Wayne Uecker, Chair, at 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library Meeting Room.

Pledge of Allegiance

All

INVOCATION

Offered by Wayne Uecker

1. VISITOR / CITIZENS FORUM

None.

Wayne Uecker introduced Russell Nemky as a board member who will replace him as he exits the board, as his term expires in April 2023.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2A. Approval of the regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes held on December 8, 2022. Lisa Nye-Salladin motioned to approve the minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Dr. Charles Hueber and passed 8-0.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3A. Chair - Michelle Yanez made a motion to nominate Lisa Nye-Salladin for chair; the motion was seconded by David Bartels and passed 8-0. Lisa Nye-Salladin motioned to nominate Cabe Johnson for vice-chair; the motion was seconded by Erik Silvius and passed by 8-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4A. Honor outgoing board members – Ashlea Boyle presented recognition awards to the following outgoing board members for their dedicated service to the Kerrville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

- Wayne Uecker – 2019 to 2023
- Erick Silvius – 2021 to 2023
- Dr. Charles Hueber – 2019 to 2023
- Morgan Bond- (not present) – 2021 to 2023

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSIONS

5A.

Singing Wind Park Master Plan Improvement Priorities – Mrs. Boyle provided the board with a handout of the Singing Wind Park Master Plan and requested them to prioritize projects by zone using a ranking system, with one being the highest priority, and so on. Projects listed by zone:

- Zone 1: Disc Golf Course
 - Trailhead with small parking
 - Lighted ADA-accessible trail
 - Informal off-leash dog area
 - Define trails / enduro trails / erosion work
 - Bike facility
 - Relocate the gas main throughout the park
- Zone 2: Pool area parking expansion / renovation
 - Sprayground
 - Dog Park (formal) with small parking
 - Intersection Improvements
 - Extend Olympic Drive / River Trail / Utilities
 - Irrigation Pond/pumping system
 - Group pavilion
 - Covered sports court / fitness area
 - Open play area / green space (irrigation)
- Zone 3: Improve storage building
 - Repurpose concession / restroom building
 - Walkways / ramps / connections throughout the park
 - Central area landscaping / irrigation / erosion control
 - Site furniture / signage / drinking fountains / bike racks
 - Expand Skate Park
 - Repave / restripe central parking with access
- Zone 4: Improve Softball Field #1
 - Upgrade restroom
 - Park frontage improvements
 - Neighborhood access
 - Improve playground
 - Repave / restripe east parking

Mrs. Boyle asked board members to raise their hands on which zones had projects listed as top priority: Zone 1, five members listed as priority; Zone 2, one member listed as priority; Zone 3, two members listed as priority; and Zone 4, zero members listed as priority. Mrs. Boyle then went through all the projects in each zone and asked how members ranked each project.

5B.

Park Ordinances Review- Deidre Flores updated the board members on the Parks and Recreation Department's current ordinances. At the last meeting, board members were asked to send feedback or submit changes they would like to see to existing ordinances. No feedback was sent, except from Lisa Nye-Salladin, regarding E-bikes. Mrs. Flores assured that ordinances that pertain to E-bikes were being reviewed and talk was being done at legislative levels. The ordinances will be discussed in future board meetings and reviewed gradually to ensure accuracy before submitting them to the city council. Board members have been encouraged to share their feedback via email.

5C. Director's Report – Ashlea Boyle reviewed the current projects and operational updates in the Director's Report handout and answered questions. Mrs. Boyle highlighted the following topics:

- Board Charters – Mrs. Boyle advised members leaving the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to reapply for another term or consider applying to other committees within the City of Kerrville charters.
- Light the Island Project – The Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation (KCLC) has decided not to pursue funding for the second phase of this project. Phase 1 of this project was jointly funded through the City of Kerrville's Economic Improvement Corporation (EIC) and by the KCLC. The completed project involved installing electrical infrastructure on the island to expand the existing Christmas lighting program and enhance other events and activity programming throughout the year. Staff is exploring the best uses of funds at hand.
- Fitness Court – located at Louise Hays Park. The concrete slab was poured in February and requires a twenty-eight-day cure time per National Fitness Court installation standards. This cure time sets March 10th as the first day that installation of flooring and equipment can begin. Full installation is expected to be completed by April 2023. The ribbon cutting is to be held after completion.
- River Trail – Downtown Section – the Downtown Extension is planned for two phases. Phase 1 will be from Tranquility Island to Louis Hays Park below the Downtown Overlook. Phase 2 would be a continuation of the new segment in the park, below the overlook, and extend to the G Street Bridge, approximately 3,600 linear feet. Both phases equal about one mile. The entire project with construction is expected to be an 18-month process. Funding would need to be procured for Phase 2. A downtown extension is the first River Trail in the Parks Master Plan. West Extension – The City Council approved an EIC funding agreement for a concept feasibility study for an extension of the River Trail around Nimitz Lake, per request of the EIC. A professional service agreement with Hewitt Engineering was subsequently approved for this purpose. Pursuant to the River Trail Master Plan, this extension would extend from near the Dietert Center and proceed along the northwest side of the river to the Spur 98 Bridge, around the lake, and eventually connect back to the Francisco Lemos / Louise Hays Park area on the southwest side of the river.
- Kerrville-Schreiner Park Riverside Gate – The department plans to install an automated gate system on the park's riverside with the ability for credit card payments. This will assist in park security and capturing lost revenues in the evenings and weekends after the office closes.
- Kerrville-Schreiner Park Water Line Replacement Project – in progress. Work has begun to transition the park's Hillside water service from well to city water. The waterlines will also be replaced with new infrastructure through phasing. Both new infrastructure and City water will improve water quality, reduce leaks, and improve operations and customer experience.
- Solar Eclipse – The Education Subcommittee has planned a Solar Eclipse kick-off event with the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library. This event will be held on April 1st, nearly one year from the date of the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse that will take place in Kerrville.
- Budget – staff are in the middle of the FY24 budget planning process. The budget process encompasses multiple months and dedicated staff time for

proper planning. The fiscal year is from October 1st through September 30th of each year.

- Personnel / Positions – Deidre Flores, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, has passed her exam and received her Certified Parks and Recreation Executive certification (CPRE). The CPRE establishes a national standard for managerial, administrative, and executive parks and recreation professionals. Mrs. Flores also holds a master's in Recreation and Leisure Services from Texas State University.

Mrs. Boyle asked board members to review the Director's Report handout at leisure.

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Nothing discussed.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Dr. Charles Hueber announced Happy Hour Live music with Charlie & Toby on March 24, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Arcadia Live, 717 Water Street.
- Lisa Nye-Salladin announced the 50th Annual Easter Hill Country Tour on April 7th, 2023, and asked if anyone would like to volunteer to help with the event to contact her as soon as possible.
- Wayne Uecker praised Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation, for her outstanding leadership and ability to organize a great team of staff members.
- Cabe Johnson announced the upcoming UGRA River Clean Up in Flatrock Park on July 22, 2023.

8. ADJOURNMENT

6:05 p.m.

APPROVED: Lisa A. Nye-Salladin DATE: 9/20/23
Lisa-Nye Salladin, Chair

ATTEST: ABoyle
Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tina North
Tina North, Office Manager