

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS  
DECEMBER 20, 2012

On Thursday, December 20, 2012, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Diane McMahon at 8:00 a.m. at the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Diane McMahon, Chairperson; Lisa Nye-Salladin Vice-Chairperson, Meg Scott-Johnson, Nancy Alford, David Lipscomb, Ed Wallace, Susan Sander

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Jim Gardner

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Malcolm Matthews, Director of Parks & Recreation; Tina Morales, Office Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. **VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:**

John Fleckenstein II

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 2A. Approval of minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on November 15, 2012. Mr. Wallace moved to approve minutes with the following correction; under item *members present* and item 3B, Mrs. Sander's name reads "*Sanders*"; needs to be changed to "*Sander*"; motion was seconded by Mr. Lipscomb and passed 6-0.

Lisa Nye-Salladin arrived at 8:05 a.m.

3. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:**

- 3A. Presentation of the 2012 Parks and Recreation Recognition Awards: Mr. Matthews took the podium to introduce the 2012 Parks and Recreation Recognition Recipients; 1.) UGRA represented by Tara Bushnoe; Mrs. Bushnoe provides valuable services to public recreation and natural resource management in Kerrville Parks. On a weekly basis during the warmer months, UGRA samples the water quality in the swimming area at Louise Hays Park and Kerrville Schreiner Park. The test results are immediately passed to the Parks and Recreation Department, which then posts warning and no swimming signs in the areas with poor water quality readings. Mrs. Bushnoe accepted the certificate and gave thanks to the board members for the recognition. 2.) Kerr County YMCA- Brenda Thompson; the local YMCA has provided recreation services in Kerrville for years. This service to our citizens has reduced the resources needed by the government to provide recreational outlets, especially youth. During the summer of 2012, the Parks and Recreation Department and the YMCA collaborated on delivery of service to maximize use of limited resources and to better serve as many individuals as possible. By consolidating summer camps with the Y and opening up the City's Olympic Pool for camp participants and their families both agencies were able to experience a "win-win" result by concentrating on service delivery and use of facilities that best fit their mission and expertise. 3.) Riverside Nature Center represented by Mary Muse; with the City committing to development of the River Trail in 2011, it was critical that strategic locations for trail entry points, trail heads, and parking be located and secured. The Riverside

Nature Center had been one of the most involved public supporters of the trail and had already "signed-on" as a subject matter expert for the information to be displayed along the trail regarding the environment. Mrs. Muse accepted the certificate and gave thanks to the board members for the recognition. 4.) Greg Hayes; selected by the Riverside Nature Center Board to work with the City on the River Trail project, Greg spent endless hours working on property transactions, neighbor communication, design coordination, and lease and easement negotiations. He was always willing to tackle the hard decisions in a most professional and diplomatic way. 5.) Susan Sander; Ms. Sander is a very passionate person in this community regarding the natural environment and native plants. Her expertise has been a great assistance in seeing that the first segment of the River Trail be successful and a model for projects along the Guadalupe River corridor. Ms. Sander accepted the certificate and gave thanks to the board members for the recognition. 6.) Leadership Kerr County represented by Bill Muse; many members of the 2012 *Leadership Kerr Co.* class took on landscaping of the first segment of the River Trail as a volunteer public service effort. Through the tireless efforts of more than a dozen volunteers on December 8<sup>th</sup>, they were able to complete the installation of over 100 plants, remove truckloads of debris, and install and rake mulch in the newly completed segment of the trail. Mr. Muse accepted the certificate and gave thanks to the board members for the recognition.

- 3B. Director's Report: Mr. Matthews gave updates on some of the events and projects in progress: Supper with Santa- was held at the Kerrville – Schreiner Park on December 15, 2012, with 49 participates, parent feedback was very positive and the event was very successful. Annual Bow Hunt- was held at the Kerrville – Schreiner Park Hillside / Southside area on December 1, 2012 thru December 19, 2012, there was a lesser amount of deer harvested this year. The City will be working with Texas Parks and Wildlife next year to consider revising their protocol. Mr. Matthews announced that Mike Krueger with the Texas Parks and Wildlife retired this year, so the City's contact person will now be Rufus Stephens. Christmas Tree Drop-Off- this project allows the community to dispose of their Christmas trees in a safe way, drop off will be at the Louise Hays Park on December 26, 2012 thru January 16, 2013.

Mr. Matthews reiterated that multiple parks in the city would be renovated in the coming year in order to comply with ADA regulations and city safety issues.

#### **4. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

- 4A. Approval of Parks Board Minutes held on December 20, 2012
- 4B. Discussion and community input on implementing a city dog park
- 4C. Capital Improvement Updates
- 4E. Final revision of the Memorial Tree List

#### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- 5A. Ms. Sander announced that she will be leading monthly trail hikes on the first segment of the new River Trail, the first hike to be held on January 1, 2013 at 2 p.m.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Alford moved to adjourn; motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace and passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVED: *Diane McMahon*  
Diane McMahon, Chairperson

DATE: 1/17/2013

ATTEST: *Malcolm Matthews*  
Malcolm Matthews, Director of Parks & Recreation

RECORDING SECRETARY: *Tina Morales*  
Tina Morales, Office Manager