

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
JUNE 14, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bedford Mitchell- Chair; Lisa Nye-Salladin- Vice-Chair; Diane McMahon; Celeste Hamman; John Harrison; Lynda Ables; Matthew Thurlow,

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Jim Gardner; Rose Bradshaw

STAFF PRESENT:

Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tina North, Office Manager; E.A. Hoppe, Deputy City Manager

CALL TO ORDER

On Thursday, May 17, 2018 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting was called to order by Bedford Mitchell, at 8:15 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

INVOCATION

Offered by Lynda Ables

1. VISITOR / CITIZENS FORUM

1A. None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2A. Approval of minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board special meeting held on May 17, 2018. Diane McMahon motioned to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by John Harrison and passed 7-0.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3A. Presentation of the Parks and Recreation Recognition Award presented to the Volunteer Butterfly Garden Group

Tina North, Office Manager gave a presentation on the history of the Butterfly Garden and Ashlea Boyle, Director presented the Volunteer Butterfly Garden Group with the award.

4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

4A. UGRA Giant Cane Management Program Update

Ms. Bushnoe gave a slide show presentation and a follow up discussion on Arundo Donax (AD):

- Description – tough, fibrous roots; rooted deeply in soil, dormant and brown in the winter
- Ecological Threat – chokes riverside and stream channels, crowds out and suppresses native plants. AD interferes with flood control and increased fire potential while reducing habitat for wildlife.

Bedford Mitchell, Chair, called for a brief adjournment at 8:30 a.m.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting was called to order by Bedford Mitchell, at 8:35 a.m.

Ms. Bushnoe continued her presentation:

- Healthy Creeks Initiative Approach – an inter-local agreement between UGRA and Texas Parks and Wildlife; includes landowner access permission form, survey / mapping, treatment inspection, and re-survey.
- Control Methods – using herbicide application, leave in place for two years and retreat or remove new growth. It is highly recommended that a person does not cut, mow, till, bulldoze, or shred AD, as even the smallest particle of AD will regrow.
- Chemical Control Methods – herbicide application; most effective treatment method with least environmental impact. Aquatic labeled herbicides recommended near water only. Repeat methods are usually required, do not cut “dead” canes for at least two years and ongoing monitoring is essential.
- Next steps – UGRA recommends continuing mapping the Kerr County area. Identify demonstration areas in Kerrville and install interpretive signage. Try gaining permission for treatment on public property as the Kerrville State Hospital, City of Kerrville, Kerr Country or TXDOT; start treatment as soon as this summer.

4B. Projects Update

Ms. Boyle gave a slide show presentation and provided updates on the following:

1. River Trail West – in the final design phase; the next trail segment will run from Lowry Park to the Dieter Center Trailhead and will be approximately one-half mile. Contractor mobilized on site in February 2018; completion projected for late summer / early fall 2018.
2. H-E-B Tennis Center Renovation Project – \$1.5 million project funded through the EIC and approved by City Council. Master Plan and improvements priorities / scope for Phase 1 construction. Master plan elements will address drainage, facilities, access, court conditions, covered center courts creation, lighting and parking. Next steps – City Council acceptance of the Master Plan and approval of Phase 1 construction scope. Schrickel Rollins and Associates will begin preparation of construction documents for bidding in late summer. Construction sequencing can allow for limited use of facility during certain periods. Design phase to begin in December and completion slated for 2019.
3. Sports Complex Reuse Pond – Construction in progress of this 1.5 million gallon pond. A fence will be installed around the pool. Anticipated completion this month.
4. Aquatics Feasibility Study – Timeline: PARD Advisory Board 7/27/17; City Council authorization 01/23/18; EIC consideration of application 2/19/18; EIC public hearing and funding agreement 3/19/18; City Council final approval of funding 3/27/18; City Council authorization to negotiate a PSA 5/22/18; the City Council is expected to consider authorization of the PSA 7/10/18.

4C. Director’s Report

Ms. Boyle gave a slide show presentation and provided updates on the following

Recreation and Special Events:

- a. Adult Sports Leagues– Adult Soccer League; is in progress now with 10 team participation ages 16+ held at the Sports Complex.
- b. Adult Kickball League– this summer league is set to start on July 16th at the Singing Wind Park Softball Fields; ages 16+ are welcomed to participate.

- c. Sports Complex– 20 acres of irrigated field space, the complex is currently home to Our Lady of the Hills High School soccer team, Hill Country CRUSH Soccer Academy, Hill Country Youth Soccer Association and the PARD Sports Leagues. Soccer fields. The complex has been host to 185 baseball tournaments to date.
- d. National Get Outdoors Day– this event was held June 9th and was very successful. Activities included a dunk tank, vendors, wildlife education, nerf wars and bounce houses, and more. The event drew in approximately 500-600 participants, as well as 250 runners in the 5K hosted by *Pint & Plow* of Kerrville. Sand Volleyball Tournament; this event was held along with the Get Outdoors Day event June 9th, had 10 teams participate. Eight teams out of Kerrville and two teams out of New Braunfels. Teams were provided food and there was also music and raffle prizes.
- e. Kerrville Skate Competition– this event is to be held on June 16th and is sponsored by T-N-J Engraving.
- f. Movies in the Park– this year's five series event, sponsored by The Bosworth Company and The Cailloux Foundation, will be held at both Louise Hays Park and Kerrville-Schreiner Park. This event continues to grow in popularity. Complimentary popcorn is provided to attendees at this free event.
- g. Summer Concerts in the Park– a new event this summer and free to the public. Concerts are scheduled to be held on June 22nd and July 20th at the Louise Hays Park Centennial Stage at 6:30 p.m.
- h. Robert Earl Keen's 4th on the River– to be held July 4th; and fireworks are once again sponsored by Mamacita's.
- i. Upcoming events– Kids Triathlon to be held August 18th; as well as, the Wet-n-Wag in the evening at Singing Wind Park and Municipal Olympic Pool.
- j. Event Support- the City of Kerrville provides either funding or staffing support or a combination of both to the following upcoming events: the Kerrville Festival of the Arts, the Kerrville Farmer's Market, the Kerrville Triathlon Festival and The Kerrville Chalk Festival.
- k. Hot Rod Night – also new this year; to be held September 15th at the Louise Hays Park. Activities will include live music and food vendors.
- l. Aquatics Update– Olympic Pool the lobby area was painted with bright colors and signage was added to make the pool livelier. Open Swim in progress with an average of 200 participants a day. Promo Days new this year include; Back to Summer Pool Party May 31st, KISD T-shirt Day June 7th, Father's Day Special June 17th, Free Ice Cream July 4th, Pirate Pool P-arr-ty July 19th and Family Swim Night July 28th. Annual events and activities are in progress to include; pool rentals, swim lessons, fitness programs, and the Guard Team.

5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting is scheduled to be held on September 13, 2018.

Lisa Nye-Salladin recommended that the board members consider discussing a mission statement to encourage fitness and a better quality of life.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None discussed.

Lisa Nye-Salladin- Vice-Chair, left at 9:45 a.m.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

John Harrison moved to adjourn; seconded by Celeste Hamman; meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

APPROVED: Bedford Mitchell DATE: 8/9/2018
Bedford Mitchell-Chair

ATTEST: ABoye
Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tina North
Tina North, Office Manager