

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bedford Mitchell, Chair; Diane McMahon; Rose Bradshaw; John Harrison; Jim Gardner; Matthew Thurlow; Celeste Hamman; Linda Ables

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Lisa Nye-Salladin, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

E.A. Hoppe, Deputy City Manager; Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tina North, Office Manager; Josh Rodrigue, Parks and Recreation Specialist; Malcolm Matthews, Consultant

CALL TO ORDER

On Thursday, September 13, 2018 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting was called to order by Bedford Mitchell, Chair at 8:15 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

INVOCATION

Offered by Bedford Mitchell, Chair

1. **VISITOR / CITIZENS FORUM**

None.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2A. Approval of minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting held on August 9, 2018. Diane McMahon motioned to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by Rose Bradshaw and passed 8-0.

3. **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

3A **Park Land Dedication Ordinance:** Malcolm Matthews, Consultant gave a presentation which described the purpose of the park land dedication ordinance and the specifics associated with the existing Kerrville ordinance. Discussion with the board included the actions needed to correct the working problems with the ordinance, and the approach to be taken to involve the community with any amendments. Questions from the board included the allowance of exemptions, fees in-lieu of parkland amounts, and the planning specifics regarding improvement types, park size, and distances to parks from subdivisions. No action was required as this was preliminary discussion of the topic with board. Future agendas will begin to address actions and approaches needed to effectively amend the ordinance.

3B. **Projects Update**

Mr. Matthews gave a presentation and provided updates on the following Capital Improvement Projects:

H-E-B Tennis Center Improvement Project - \$1.5 million project funded through the Economic Improvement Corporation and approved by City Council. Design phase underway by Schrickel Rollins and Associates of Arlington, Texas. Major issues identified at the center include drainage, court / building conditions, ADA access and complex cohesion. Construction will address drainage upgrades in the center of

complex, redesign of observation areas, existing courts resurfacing, access path of travel through to meet ADA / TDLR requirements, and create a pathway between courts five through eight. Construction will also address court fencing upgrades on courts four through ten, improvements to the Pro Shop structure, parking / access improvements at courts eleven through fourteen, practice court resurfacing, signage, dumpster screening, and site furniture. Next steps will be to finalize construction documents for bidding in October. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2018, with project completion mid-2019.

River Trail West - Mr. Matthews discussed updates regarding the newest trail segment, the Lowry Park to Dietert Center segment. The segment is approximately one-half mile, and ends at the trailhead located at the Dietert Center. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be complete in October 2018.

3C. Trail Master Plan

Mr. Matthews presented the River Trail Master Plan with potential future trail extensions:

- Schreiner University Extension
- Town Creek Sports Complex Extension
- Northbank-West Extension
- Southbank-West extension
- Spur 98 Connection
- Loop 534 / KSP connection

Mrs. Ables left at 9:22 a.m.

3D. Director's Report

Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on the following:

FY19 Budget - City Council adopted the FY19 Budget on September 11, 2018.

Enhancements to the Parks and Recreation Department will include:

- Addition of two Sports Complex Maintenance Workers
- Addition of one Park Ranger
- Addition of one Tourism & Recreation Coordinator
- Reorganization of the Kerrville-Schreiner Park field staff
- Addition of a Community Events Division & budget
- Kerrville-Schreiner Park fee increases

Kerrville Sports Complex - facility usage is trending upwards and currently home to the following organizations:

- Our Lady of the Hills Catholic High School (boys and girls home soccer games)
- Notre Dame Catholic School (co-ed home soccer games)
- Hill Country CRUSH Soccer Academy
- Hill Country Youth Soccer Association
- Parks and Recreation Department Sports Leagues (soccer and kickball)
- 350+ D-BAT Tournament teams to date

Kerrville Sports Complex Projects - Mrs. Boyle distributed a handout of the prioritized list of projects for the Kerrville Sports Complex. The purpose of these projects is to improve the maintenance operations and aesthetics of the complex in an effort to increase efficiency and marketability.

Mrs. Boyle reviewed the project list that was approved by the City Council on August 28, 2018 in order of priority: Pave Maintenance Road, Soccer Lights, Common Area

Irrigation / Sod, Fertigation System with Building Addition, Turf Dugouts, D-BAT Sidewalk Extensions, Maintenance Building Extension, D-BAT Irrigation, Dedication Plaque, and Monument Sign. In addition, Mrs. Boyle reviewed the future projects that were approved pursuant to funding, in order of priority: Turf Bullpens, Softball Lights, and Additional Parking at Soccer, Soccer Playscape, and Scoreboards.

Aquatics Division - The Olympic Pool operating season was May 26th through August 17th. Staff completed minor painting in the lobby and restrooms, and updated signage to add a bit of "fun" to the facility.

- Attendance - attendance numbers for the past four years: 2015 – 11,662; 2016 – 9,982; 2017 – 13,624; 2018 – 13,867. The most popular month for attendance is June.
- Swim Lessons Programs - three sessions of group swim lessons were offered with a total of 209 participants, private swim lessons had 29 participants, and semi-private swim lessons had 7 participants. Group swim lessons had an 87% enrollment rate, which is a 32% increase from 2017. Private lessons had a 93% increase from 2017. Semi-private lessons was a new program in 2018.
- Jr. Lifeguard Camp - new program offered in 2018 with 10 participants. One week half-day camp to learn essentials of guarding and aquatic safety for ages 10-14 years.
- Lifeguard Audits - received two unannounced operational safety audits by our Aquatic Risk Management Company Jeff Ellis & Associates. The aquatics staff scored "exceeds" on both audits.
- Promo Days - new series this year at the pool. Six themed days were held during the summer for free admission, discounted admission, or free ice cream.
- Rentals - the pool had 19 private pool parties, and 30 pavilion rentals throughout the summer. Staff is looking at ways to capitalize on these amenities in the upcoming summer season.
- Guard Team - for the first time ever in Kerrville, there were two competition teams this year, and they were equally successful. The "Angels", State Champions, Regional Champions, and E&A Runner-Up; and the "Owls", State Runner-Up, Regional Runner-Up, and E&A Champions. The Kerrville Guard Team also received the Spirit Award, and both the Top Male and Top Female guard awards at the regional competition. Kerrville has won the State Championships for four out of five competing years. The teams were recognized at the August 14, 2018 City Council meeting and received a proclamation proclaiming August 15, 2018 as "Guard Team Day". The teams are coached by Mrs. Boyle.

Sports Leagues - Mrs. Boyle provided updates on the following leagues.

- Adult Soccer League - 10 teams played at the Sports Complex in the summer league. A fall league is scheduled for Singing Wind Park.
- Kickball League - this was a new league in 2018. A summer league was held at Singing Wind Park with six participating teams. Registration is in progress for a fall league at the Sports Complex.

Special Events - Mrs. Boyle provided updates on the following events.

- Get Outdoors Day - held on June 9th at Louise Hays Park with 500 to 600 people in attendance. Activities included a 5K run sponsored by Pint & Plow and Basement Breweries, dunk tank, yoga, paddle boarding, wildlife education, nerf wars, bouncy houses, food and activity vendors, community participants, and more. The 5K had 250 participants and there were 10 teams in the Volleyball

Tournament. The 5K and the tournament were new additions this year. Free admission.

- Skate Board Competition - held on June 16th and sponsored by T-n-J Engraving with six participants. Attendance was impacted by rainy weather. Free admission.
- Movies in the Park - five movies were shown this summer, three at Louise Hays Park, and two at Kerrville-Schreiner Park. This well attended series is sponsored by The Cailloux Foundation and The Bosworth Company. "Despicable Me 3", "The Little Mermaid", "Coco", "Back to the Future", and "Cars 3" were shown. The movie's average 220 attendees each. Free admission.
- Summer Concerts in the Park - this was a new event series added this year. Concerts were held on June 22nd and July 20th at the Louise Hays Park Centennial Stage. This event was sponsored by James Avery Artisan Jewelry, Crenwelge Motors, and Mini Mart. Approximately 200 people attended each concert. Free admission.
- Fourth of July - held on July 4th at Louise Hays Park. Thousands in attendance for the free concert and fireworks display. The event is produced by Robert Earl Keen's Fourth on the River organization. The fireworks are produced by the City and are sponsored by Mamacita's.
- Kid's Triathlon - this event was held on August 18th, had 64 participants, and was sponsored by Hill Country Bicycle Works.
- Wet-n-Wag - this event was also held on August 18th, had 38 dog participants and was sponsored by Dogologie. Free admission.
- Kerrville River Cruise-In - another new event in 2018. Weather permitting this event is scheduled for September 15th at Louise Hays Park. Free admission.
- Family Fright Night - to be held on October 31st at Louise Hays Park, and will include an exotic petting zoo, games, bounce houses, trick-or-treating, and more. Free admission.
- Holiday Parade - to be held on November 17th in Historic Downtown Kerrville, and is accepting applications from those interested in submitting an entry.

4. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

4A. Next scheduled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting December 13, 2018.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

5A. Mrs. Boyle introduced Rebecca Pacini as the new Chief Planning Officer for the City of Kerrville. Celeste Hamman announced her involvement in the upcoming *Family Fright Night* event and asked that board members consider volunteering for this event as well.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

John Harrison moved to adjourn; seconded by Rose Bradshaw; meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED: Bedford Mitchell DATE: 12/13/2018
Bedford Mitchell, Chair

ATTEST: ABoyle
Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tina North
Tina North, Office Manager