

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

May 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

The Parks and Recreation Commission (P&R) met on the above date. The meeting began at 4:05 p.m. with preliminaries until quorum was achieved after the delayed arrival of Vice Chairperson Turrentine.

In the absence of Secretary Burgess, Commissioner (Frank) DaCosta agreed to take meeting minutes.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

Present		<u>Parks and Recreation Commissioners</u>
✓	1.	Kimberly Hinshaw (Chairperson)
✓	2.	Le Ann Turrentine (Vice Chairperson)
	3.	Pier Burgess (Secretary)
	4.	Cherie Ware
✓	5.	Frank DaCosta
		<u>Parks and Recreation Alternates</u>
✓	1.	Donna DaCosta (Treasurer)
	2.	Melanie Barnett Harris

	3.	Paula Johnston Hutka
	4.	Cyndy Lane
	5.	
		<u>Public Attendees</u>
✓		Lee Pettie – Mayor, City of Parker

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Commission for the City of Parker met on Wednesday May 11, 2022, at 4:05 p.m. at the Parker City Hall, located at 5700 E. Parker Road, Parker, Texas 75002. The meeting was open to the public.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 13, 2022 minutes were discussed briefly and an additional typographical error was noted. Present members agreed that the minutes were acceptable otherwise, but temporarily short of quorum, no vote was taken to approve them formally.

2. WALK THROUGH PRESERVE

Due to the hot weather, the original plan to walk the Preserve was set aside. Instead, the commission relied on maps of the Preserve, including a large aerial map. These provided context for subsequent discussion of needed repairs and possible improvements.

3. DISCUSSION OF REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS

Chairperson Hinshaw provided some estimates as to the number and location of benches and picnic tables in need of attention, some missing, some damaged. The eastern fence with fallen railings was also reiterated. Pictures were presented that showed a park feature that was assumed to be an exercise structure but is in need of repair or at least cosmetic improvement.

Chairperson Hinshaw announced that the Parker Women's Club has opted to donate a sum of \$14,000 to the Parks and Recreation Commission, ostensibly for items such as new benches and related improvements. The relative benefits of Trex benches were discussed, noting greater durability at a somewhat higher cost than competing options. The idea of encouraging citizen donations in the form of purchased benches with an acknowledgement plaque was suggested. Mayor Pettle provided insight into the process for pursuing improvements with City Council.

Larger, more significant enhancements were also proposed. Restrooms were suggested, given the apparent availability of hookups in the eastern Preserve near Grey Lane. Park pictures from the city of Lucas showed what might be possible if a large covered pavilion were constructed and used both for public events and privately rented activities. Again, Mayor Pettle spoke to the upcoming schedule of City Council meetings and the value of making a presentation in anticipation of the budgetary process.

ROUTINE ITEMS

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at Parker City Hall.

5. ADJOURN

Chairperson Hinshaw informally adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved on _____ day of _____, 2022.

Chairperson Kimberly Hinshaw

Secretary Pier Burgess

Attest:

City Secretary Patti Scott Grey