

**PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular meeting held at  
Florence Recreation Center  
2501 Whitson Way

7 p.m.

October 11, 2018

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Faustino Leos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Roll Call of Members**

Present: Faustino Leos, Kelly Wagoner, Susan Erickson, Keith Briggs, Sheila Lynn, Brooks Watts, Ken Burris and Leonard C. Williams.

Members Absent: Gary Caldwell

Staff Members Present: Robert Blankenship, Nikki Sassenus and Lilliana Cindo.

Public Present: Janet Bishop and Bob Bishop.

**III. Adoption of Minutes**

Sheila Lynn moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting as presented. Kelly Wagoner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**IV. Hear From the Public**

None.

**V. New Business**

**A. Board Elections**

Nikki Sassenus reported that Faustino Leos has served his full term which will end his service on the Board. The Board needed to elect a Board Chairman to replace him. Ken Burris made a motion to elect Kelly Wagoner as Board Chairman and it was approved unanimously. A Vice Chairman also needed to be elected. Sheila Lynn made a motion to elect Susan Erickson as Vice Chairman and it was approved unanimously.

**B. KidsQuest Update**

Robert Blankenship gave up update of KidsQuest next generation idea. The next generation approach will consist of building on popularity and improve experience of this destination. Bob provided information on the proposed design ideas to combine nature with modern features, including a wooden fort appearance with integrated play features.

**VI. Subcommittee/Staff Reports**

**A. CIP Report**

Robert Blankenship provided an updated CIP projects list for the Board to review.

Highlights include:

- Westlake Sports Center ProShop modular building was delivered and installed on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Loncy Leake Ballfield design has started.

- Rutherford and Hanby Park will get enhancements in conjunction with the MISD land exchange.

#### **B. Recreation Services**

Nikki Sassenus provided an update of recreation services programs and events.

Highlights include:

- Youth Volleyball League games began September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter Youth Basketball registration has begun.
- Adults 50+ program traveled to New Orleans with 48 participants, for 5 days full of history, jazz and fun. Pickleball will now be offered at Rutherford Recreation Center.
- Sounds in the Square, Movie in the Park and Guts & Glory Fun Run were cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Haunted Campout was held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Camp Rorie Galloway. Participants enjoyed zip lining, pumpkin decorating, costume contest, tent decorating contest, haunted hayride and s'mores.
- PumpkinFest is scheduled for October 20, 2018 at Valley Creek Park.

#### **C. Park Services**

Nikki Sassenus provided an update of Park Services operations.

Highlights include:

- PumpkinFest help is underway.
- Getting ready for Christmas in the Park setup and winter projects.

#### **D. Golf Course**

Nikki Sassenus reported that in September the course was closed for 3 days due to the rain. Fertilizer has been added to the turf and the course continues to be in good condition. Fall is a popular time for tournament play.

### **VII. Board Concerns**

None

### **VIII. Requests for Information, Agenda Items**

### **IX. Adjournment**

Ken Burris moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brooks Watts and was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

  
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Elizabeth Harrell, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

Date Approved: 11-8-18