

October 21, 2021

**ROCKDALE PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Members:

L.C. Richards
Lisa Benford-Roberts
Michelle Larkin
Dave Melton

Absent:

Brett Boren

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, City Manager
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Park Board members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale Park Board was called to order by L.C. Richards at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at City Hall, 505 W Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas.

3. Citizen Communications

Introduction of new Park Board member Dave Melton.

4A. Review and approve minutes from regular meeting on July 15, 2021

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Larkin and a second by Board member Benford-Roberts, the Park Board voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4B. Consider and take any necessary action on a request submitted by Joan Ratliff regarding the Rockdale Rotary Club's interest in a combined Park Improvement Project with the City, MDD or other interested entities

Joan Ratliff presented on behalf of the Rotary. They want to partner on a project at Bridge Park. The Rotary would like to get the Sheckels and Galbreath bridges safe for walking. Chris Whittaker had been working with the County Commission to get replacement decking. Barbara Holly will check on the status and who was working the project. Benches and a traveling library were discussed. Two benches could be placed at the park for approximately \$550 each. Ms. Ratliff talked about crucible. Wants a story board placed at the park. Tentatively thinking about a \$5,000 donation. Small pedestrian bridge may be available. Barbara Holly will contact Stephanie Rollings to get pictures of Bergfield Park in Tyler (specifically the amphitheater).

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Larkin and a second by Board member Benford-Roberts, the Park Board voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to move forward with City/MDD or other interested entities (Rotary) on moving Park Project forward. Motion carried.

4C. Consider and take any necessary action on the process for the development of a revised Parks Master Plan

Jim Gibson discussed current Parks Master Plan. Need to update by 2023.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Larkin and a second by Board member Melton, the Park Board voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to complete process for Parks Master Plan. Motion carried.

4D. Receive an update on Bridge Park

No action.

4E. Receive an update on the Sumuel Park Splash Pad

- Michelle Larkin discussed wall RFP – no bidders

- KSA will pay for the mural
- Lisa Benford-Roberts did a map of the east side businesses (46) and she will donate funds for story boards
- Sanborn Fire Maps might be a good starting point. John Pruett would be a good resource.

4F. Receive an update on Veterans Park

- Look for way to shield pool equipment
- Look at Back Roads Texas & Texas Back Roads to Follow

4G. Receive an update on the YMCA's management of the pool for the 2021 Season and for the swim team

- Pool needs to be resurfaced. Cost is expected to exceed \$100,000.

4H. Discuss and take any necessary action on City Parks projects/maintenance

- Social Point – Caldwell has it
- Staff will research Social Point

5. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 21st day of July, 2022.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Barbara Holly
Barbara Holly, City Manager

Lisa Benjene Roberts
Chairman