

January 18, 2023

**ROCKDALE PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Present:**

**Members:**

Lisa Benford-Roberts- Chair  
Dave Melton- Vice Chair  
Mary Lou Loehr

**City Staff**

Barbara Holly, AICP, City Manager  
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director  
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary

**Absent\***

Brett Boren

**Call to order and announce a Quorum is Present**

With a quorum present of the Park Board members present, the Regula Meeting of the Rockdale Park Board was called to order by Lisa Benford-Roberts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday January 18, 2024, at City Hall, 505 W Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas.

**3. Citizen Communications**

No comments made.

**4A. Conduct a workshop regarding the Parks Board mission statement.**

The board discussed adopting option A for the mission statement which reads: To maintain safe, clean and aesthetically pleasing parks while utilizing the resources available in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible. The City of Rockdale is responsible for the parks system management, planning, design and development. The Parks Board works in conjunction with the city management but the responsibility for care and maintenance is the ultimate responsibility of the city alone.

**5A. Review and approve minutes from regular meeting on July 27, 2023.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Boardmember Melton and a second by Boardmember Loehr, the Parks Board voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

**5B. Consider and take any necessary action on a recommendation to the City Council regarding a Parks Board appointment.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion made by Boardmember Melton and a second by Boardmember Loehr, the Parks Board voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to approve the recommendation of Georgia Marshall.

Motion Carried.

**5C. Receive an update regarding the Parks Master plan.**

Freese and Nichols is currently working on the city's comprehensive plan to include a Parks Master Plan.

No motion made.

**5D. Receive an update and take any necessary action regarding Moultry Park.**

Director Brunson discussed the fencing at the park and the possible additions of security cameras.

**5E. Receive an update and take any necessary action regarding Bridge Park.**

Discussion on making the bridge ADA accessible and replacing some of the lumber.

**5F. Receive an update and take any necessary action regarding Sumuel Park.**

Discussion was on hiring an arborist to investigate the cottonwood tree. Also, asking the police department to routinely monitor the park for illegal drug use.

**5G. Receive an update and take any necessary action regarding Veterans Memorial Park.**

Discussion on the underground plumbing and the pool deck needs replacing. The pool slide was removed due to aging and should be replaced.

**5H. Discuss and take any necessary action on City Park projects/maintenance.**

The board wants to prioritize park projects, listing the arborist first.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

Barbara Holly  
Barbara Holly, AICP  
City Manager

Lisa Benford-Roberts  
Lisa Benford-Roberts  
Chairman