



Missouri City Parks Board

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T.W. Dieckmann, Assistant Director
Kevin Browne, Recreation Superintendent
Barry Hamilton, Parks Superintendent
J.R. Atkins, Board Member
Diane Giltner, Board Member
Raj Joseph, Board Member
Llarance Turner, Chairman

Don Johnson, Board Member
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Mary Ross, Board Member
Susan Dierker, Board Member
Brian Merchant, Board Member
Victoria Porter, Board Member
Buddy Snyder, Vice-Chair

PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

Notice is hereby given of a **Parks Board Meeting** to be held on **Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** at: City Hall Council Chamber, 2nd floor, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas 77489, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Parks Board reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any agenda item should the need arise, and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

Due to the COVID 19 Disaster and the Center for Disease Control's recommendation regarding social distancing measures, the Parks Board members, City Staff members, and members of the public were not physically present during this meeting. The meeting was made possible through the cloud-based video conferencing platform Zoom.

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Due to the COVID 19 Disaster and the Center for Disease Control's recommendation regarding social distancing measures, the public will not be allowed to be physically present at this meeting.

The meeting will be available to members of the public and allow for two-way communications for those desiring to participate. Any person interested in speaking on any item on the agenda must notify the City by one of the following methods **before 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Parks Board meeting**:

1. Email or call the Parks and Recreation Department at Julia.Thompson@Missouricitytx.gov or 281-403-8651; or,
2. Submit a "Public Comment Form" to the Parks and Recreation Department from the following webpage: <https://bit.ly/39pw73Q>.

The request must include the speaker's name, address, email address, phone number and the agenda item number.

To livestream the meeting, the public may access the following link:
<https://www.missouricitytx.gov/780/MCTV>.

To access the meeting agenda packet in PDF format, the public may access the following link:
<https://www.missouricitytx.gov/812/Parks-Board>.

Attendees: Diane Giltner, Don Johnson, Vice-Chair Buddy Snyder, Chairman Llarance Turner, , and Brian Merchant Susan Dierker

Absent were: Mary Ross (Excused), Claudia Yvette Garcia, Thomasine Johnson, Raj Joseph (Excused), J.R. Atkins, and Leslie Mack Jr (Excused)

Staff in Attendance: Director Jason Mangum, Parks Superintendent Barry Hamilton, Recreation Superintendent Kevin Browne, Recreation Manager Julia Thompson, MCTV Producer Douglas Penalba, and Assistant City Attorney James Santangelo

Others in Attendance:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 4, 2021 PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Snyder made a motion to approve the February 4, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Board Member Don Johnson. The vote was unanimous. **The motion passed.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. Parks Projects: Parks and Recreation Assistant Director TW Dieckmann

Director Mangum gave the park projects update. He stated that the Community Park bridge connecting the new subdivision on other side of Mustang Bayou is now complete providing direct access from the neighborhood to the park. The addition to the playground at Community Park has been completed. The playground at Hunters Trail Park has begun construction. The Veterans Memorial groundbreaking has begun at City Hall. Stated that the fencing is up and the contractor is in the permitting phase. Director Mangum stated that he is meeting next week to discuss colors and make sure the designs are translated to the install.

b. Parks Operations: Parks Superintendent Barry Hamilton

Superintendent Hamilton stated that this month had the regular activities and that a full report is included in the packet.

c. Recreation: Recreation Superintendent Kevin Browne

Superintendent Browne stated that tomorrow evening there is a Bike Night taking place at Community Park. He shared the following upcoming activities: April 9 Kids Night Out, Edible Earth Fest on April 10, Friday Night Flicks on April 16 in partnership with the Mayor's Youth Commission. A Kayak Workshop is to be held on Saturday, April 17 with a Family Fun Night: Mini Golf taking place on Friday, April 30.

5. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director: Jason Mangum

Director Mangum stated that the Master Plan development is ongoing and looking forward to moving forward through the process. Stated that the Levels of Service draft was recently completed and that public input was received through focus groups and surveys. A draft of results is being compiled and will be presented to Parks Board by consultants at the next Parks Board meeting. Stated the Department will be developing a strategic plan and setting goals to take our department to the next level.

Director Mangum shared an update on the Department's CAPRA Accreditation process and stated that staff received feedback from reviewers on the evidence of compliance and made the appropriate adjustments. Stated that the site review team will be visiting virtually. Working with the Communications team to develop a promotional video to highlight the Department. Moving forward with the accreditation virtual visit the last week of April.

Director Mangum stated that he is currently hosting interviews for the Office Manager position and looking forward to having a new team member that will work with the Parks Board once hired.

Director Mangum gave an update regarding the Public Art Ordinance and stated that it is going to be presented to City Council at a Study session this Monday and will be presented at a regular Council meeting after that.

6. BOARD REPORTS

There were no board reports.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

There were no items for the next agenda.

8. ADJOURN

With no further items to discuss, Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

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