



Parks Board

Jason Mangum, Parks & Rec. Director
Randy Troxell, Asst. Parks Director
Shane Mize, Rec. Superintendent
Barry Hamilton, Parks Superintendent
Pamela Andrews, Board Member
J.R. Atkins, Board Member
Diane Giltner, Board Member
Donald Ivory, Board Member

Don Johnson, Board Member
Thomasine Johnson, Board Member
Adrian Matteucci, Board Member
Sharman McGilbert, Co-Chair
Loveless Mitchell, Board Member
Dan Porter, Board Member
Rafik Sandford, Board Member
Buddy Snyder, Board Member
Llarance Turner, Chairman

PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2nd, 2017 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

ATTENDEES

Parks Board Members in attendance were: Pamela Andrews, J.R. Atkins, Diane Giltner, Don Johnson, Adrian Matteucci, Sharman McGilbert, Loveless Mitchell, Buddy Snyder, and Llarance Turner.

Staff Members in attendance were: Jason Mangum, Randy Troxell, Shane Mize, and Barry Hamilton.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman Llarance Turner called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Diane Giltner motioned to approve January 2017 meeting minutes. Pamela Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made at this time.

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. *Capital Improvement & Park Projects*

Randy Troxell, Assistant Parks Director:

Randy confirmed that he sent a Parks Projects report. No further questions were asked.

b. *Park Operations*

Barry Hamilton, Parks Superintendent:

Barry confirmed that he sent a Park Maintenance report. No further questions were asked.

c. *Recreation*

Shane Mize, Rec. Superintendent:

Shane provided a verbal report regarding upcoming events at the Recreation & Tennis Center and Revenue Updates:

Upcoming Events:

- Annual Father Daughter Dance on February 4th, this year's theme being 50s Sock Hop; Senior Field Trip in Bellville to see Newman's Castle, Family Fun Night on February 10th to be a Chili Cook off, Senior Bingo Night on February 16th; Afternoon with an Expert series on February 22nd to be on Social Security, and Senior Foodies at Red Lobster in Sugar Land on February 23rd.

Revenue Update:

- Revenue continues to increase; in January 2016 the department brought in \$33,501, and in January 2017 there was an increase of \$4800.
- Fiscal year from July 1st, 2015 to January 2016 the department brought in \$180,740, while the fiscal year from July 1st, 2016 to January 2017, revenue was \$201,192. That is a \$21,000 increase from last year at this time, and last year was our greatest year of revenue yet. Mr. Mize stated the department is moving in the right direction.

Llarance Turner asked when the Hunters Glen Park's parking lot would be complete. Randy stated that there had been proposals, and that the awarding could take approximately 90 days. It is currently on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

5. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Jason Mangum, Parks & Recreation Director

a. Walk The Halls:

Jason told the Board about recently attending the Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS)'s annual event in Austin, where one day a year members go to the Capitol to discuss topics pertinent to parks, recreation and the like. Time was spent visiting representatives and senators, and discussing the possibility of protecting legislation that will help protect the sporting goods sales tax revenues that will come back to local municipalities and parks for grants, building and improving parks. Jason encouraged the Parks Board to attend the next Walk the Halls event and advocate for our Parks & Recreation. He also discussed the opportunity the Mayor's Youth Commission will have to meet with representatives in March, and possibly make some of those same points.

b. Budgeting Retreat:

City Council recently kicked off the budgeting season. Last Saturday department heads met in a budgeting retreat to discuss priorities, challenges and future directions to take. This would be the time for the Parks Board's voice to be heard and to share ideas or requests for the next fiscal year's budget.

c. HPO Process:

City's efforts with HPO (High Performance Organization) - Leadership meetings continue to move forward regarding the city's HPO process. In April Jason hopes to provide a draft of standard operating procedures for the Recreation & Tennis Center.

Additionally, an update regarding Recognized Sports Associations will occur in a future meeting.

6. BOARD REPORTS

Volunteer of the Year Award:

- The topic will be added to a future meeting's agenda once updates have been made.

Other Reports:

- Jason stated that the City Attorney and other department heads have been working on a naming policy for streets, buildings, plazas, parks, etc. Included will be programs and awards. The recommendation of what the Parks Board has given us is still on file and valid. No action will be made until that policy has been adopted at a future City Council meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Oktoberfest Event 2017:

Buddy Snyder proposed a potential Oktoberfest event to be marketed as an adult only event, and an event that would allow the city to truly reflect its diversity.

Specific event information Buddy mentioned:

- 4 hour event to be held at Missouri City's Community Center
- Indoors due to weather considerations
- Accordion music, German culture
- Alcohol served
- German food in a Beer Hall ambience
- Potential dates of September 16th - October 7th
- A possible budget of \$6,000 was discussed; even more precisely \$4,169.47 per approximately 200 people
- Volunteers could assist in much of the work in exchange for food and drink

Llarance commended Buddy for his efforts in planning, then opened the floor up for questions and/or comments. General discussion was made about the logistics of the event. Pamela Andrews and J.R. Atkins brought up some points about TABC signage and ultimately voiced their support for the event. Jason spoken enthusiastically about the event in both English and German, stated that the idea was great, and the justification for the event was sound.

Diane Giltner made a reminder regarding the Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off, hosted by Missouri City Green, which will take place April 8th at the Community Center. 300 volunteers are expected to attend, and possibly the Mayor's Youth Commission can become involved.

8. ITEMS FOR APRIL'S AGENDA

- Update on Recognized Sports Authorities
- There will most likely be no meeting in March due to conflicts with the annual TRAPS Expo and most staff will be away, unless there is Parkland Dedication to discuss.
- Oktoberfest Plans
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off - April 8th
- MCTX Fest - April 8th
- MYC Trip to Austin - Director's Report

9. ADJOURN

Llarance adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M.