

City Of Carrollton
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
February 22, 2016 Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Board met February 22, 2016, 6:30 pm in the Elm Fork room at Crosby Recreation Center, 1610 E. Crosby Rd.

Members present:

John Campbell
Suzanna Dooling
Dave Hermon, Jr., Vice-Chair
Maytelin Herrera-Batista, Chair
Martin, Willadean
Jeff Sailer
Michael Vertz

Members absent:

Lorri Goddard
Gerry Lalima

Staff present:

Bobby Brady, Parks Mntce Mgr
Susan Bruckhoff, Admin Spclst
Kim Bybee, Athletics Mgr
Scott Whitaker, PARD Director
John Sutter, Council Liaison

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - Chairperson Maytelin Herrera-Batista called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **VISITORS.** Tom Sifferman, citizen, voiced the lack of parks in his neighborhood and would like to see free recreation center membership offered to compensate. He would also like to request the City stop using the tag line "Never far from a park".
3. **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2015 MINUTES** - Motion was made by Dave Hermon to accept the minutes as presented. Michael Vertz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with seven votes for and none against.
4. **DISCUSS PARK LAND IN NORTH CARROLLTON** – Scott shared that park land in the north part of Carrollton was a priority in the Park Master Plan. He has met with our Engineering staff to discuss land acquisition. Sites have been researched and acquisition options discussed such as donation and partnerships, because land is expensive. Suzanna shared that she has talked with citizens in the northern neighborhood, has heard their concerns, and reassured them that the City wants to do this right. Tom Sifferman thanked Scott and Suzanna for what they've done so far. A suggestion was made that perhaps the pro-rata fee for land development needs to be increased.
5. **FLOOD UPDATE** – Scott shared that City Council requested a proposal to look at the T C Rice property as well as Indian Creek Golf Course. Freese & Nichols looked at options that were not just golf. The golf course is not currently flooded. A bunker project, tree trimming, concrete cart path repair, and golf car lease will go to Council next week. The golf course is ramping up staffing. The Lakes Course is scheduled to open in April and the Creek Course in July. McInnish Park also flooded and we are evaluating the fields for enhancement this summer, including consideration to plane, aerify, and/or verticut. John Sutter shared information about the Lewisville dam and that the City is confident the dam is safe and that plans are being developed by the Corp of Engineers to make immediate and long-range repairs.

6. REPORT CARD UPDATE – Scott briefly explained the Report Card Project and those amenities with a grade of F or D were improved in 2015 and more will be improved in 2016. Kim shared that the playground at Perry Park will be replaced with a train theme playground in April and swings will be added. She also shared that a playground will be built in the center of the four-plex at Josey Ranch Sports Complex. And the playground at Jimmy Porter will be replaced with a natural theme to include a tree house feature. Two of these playgrounds will feature new generational swings that allow an adult to swing with the child facing them in an infant seat.

7. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Scott** - we are working on an RFP for the Oak Creek Tennis Center management. We have a management contract for the golf course this year but will do an RFP next year/early fall.
- **Kim** - Thomas baseball project facelift is underway, including the parking lot. McInnish Dog Park is in process and hope to open in late May or early June. Will have a “Friends of the Dog Park” meeting in March. The Carrollton Trails 5K will be May 7.
- **Bobby** – The State Rodeo is next week in Galveston and we have teams who will be competing. We ordered milkweed seeds to create habitat for Monarch butterflies. Gearing up for spring.
- **Scott** – We have a new event, TexFest in downtown March 5. Movie on the Square March 12. Jason Chadock, Leisure Services Manager, left the City to return to Colorado. We have 120 applications for his position so far. The Senior Center expansion should be done on time, with a potential grand opening in May. Pack the Park is coming up soon. We’ll send this information to the board. Introduced new Parks Administrative intern, Ashley Satchell, college student with her Master’s degree and working on other studies, who also served in the United States Army.
- **John Sutter** said parks in Carrollton are a top priority for City Council. He also shared that the golf course is a big issue and that the most viable option is a 36-hole course but that Council is very interested in options to include the T C Rice property. They want to take the time to do this right and the report card work is a valuable tool for them when considering any improvements.

8. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Sailer and seconded by John Campbell. The vote was unanimous with seven for. Chairperson Maytelin adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be April 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Maytelin Herrera-Batista
Chairperson

Scott Whitaker
Parks & Recreation Director