

City Of Carrollton
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
July 11, 2016 Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Board met July 11, 2016, 6:30 pm, in the newly expanded Senior Center, 1720 Keller Springs Road.

Members Present:

John Campbell
Suzanna Dooling
Lorri Goddard
Dave Hermon, Jr., Vice-Chair
Maytelin Herrera-Batista, Chair
Gerry Lalima
Jeff Sailer

Members Absent:

Willadean Martin
Michael Vertz

Staff Present:

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - Chairperson Maytelin Herrera-Batista called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
2. **VISITORS.** Al Overholt, citizen, shared his concern about delays in reopening the golf course and funding for necessary repairs. He encouraged the Park Board to request City Council support. Tom Sifferman, citizen, shared his disappointment in the minutes of the recent City Council retreat reflecting little support for park land in northeast Carrollton. He reaffirmed that citizens in that part of town are tax payers and still desire amenities in their neighborhood. Mike Albanese, reporter with the Carrollton Leader.
3. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2016 MINUTES** - Motion was made by Gerry Lalima to accept the minutes as presented. John Campbell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with seven votes for and none against.
4. **FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION** – Scott gave a brief explanation of the bond election process and that in the past Libraries and Parks have received about 15% of bond funds. Next he showed slides of the 2004 and 2014 versions of the Parks Master Plan showing the high, medium, and low priority needs of the community. He then presented a slide show and flip chart of possible Parks and Recreation projects being considered. A question was asked about golf course repairs and where that is considered in the budget process. Scott said golf is not usually included in Park and Recreation budget. John Sutter gave an update on City Council direction with regard to the golf course. After discussion of the projects list, Scott asked for any additional projects the board would like considered. Other than golf course repairs, no other projects were mentioned.
5. **DISCUSS LOCATION OF SECOND SPLASH PARK** – Scott gave a presentation on the status of the second splash park as well as a budget overview. Different design options were shared. Parking was discussed.
6. **REPORT CARD PROJECT UPDATE** – Scott shared a slide showing the Parks and Recreation Assets Report Card with the completed projects highlighted in green and the projects currently underway highlighted in yellow. He explained how many of the projects

reflect the high priority needs listed in the 2014 Park Master Plan. He also explained how City Council was pleased with the new method of putting a percentage of memberships into a fund to be available for unexpected replacements or upgrades of existing equipment and would like to see this process expanded for future improvements. Scott also shared that the Parking Lots category on the Report Card needs to be addressed since parking lot improvements are more expensive than the amenity fund can reasonably accommodate.

7. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Bobby** – still doing cleanup after the two recent storms
Thank you to Suzanna Dooling for her help with the milkweed seed distribution.
- **Kim** – Jimmy Porter playground replacement should be complete this week.
Thomas baseball renovation project is in progress.
McInnish dog park construction has begun.
We hosted a National baseball tournament at McInnish last weekend and we could become their home location for future tournaments.
Swim-in Cinema at Rosemeade Rainforest Aquatic Complex is Friday, July 22.
The pool is very popular this year.
McInnish field #16 has been underutilized. We are currently working to upgrade it to a premier field.
- **Heather** – Scott introduced Heather Smith as our new Leisure Services Manager. Heather shared a little about herself and that she is excited to be part of our team.
She shared that the recent Senior Center Grand Re-Opening went well on June 30. Classes saw some decreases in attendance during the transition but have seen good increases after resuming at the Senior Center.
The Fourth of July Concert held at the Senior Center on July 1 was a big success. Chairs were set up for 450 attendees and we had standing room only at the event!
Community July 4th fireworks was also a big success.
- **Scott** – We had to postpone the Movie on the Square last Saturday because of weather. It may be rescheduled for this coming Saturday.
Other events coming in the next few months include Movies on the Square, Concerts on the Square, Santa Dash.
Friends of the Dog Park will meet at City Hall Tuesday, July 19.
Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to consider applying for a position on one of the many Boards and Commissions.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Hermon and seconded by Lorri Goddard. The vote was unanimous with seven for. Chairperson Maytelin adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm. The next meeting will be August 22, 2016.

Members toured the Senior Center before and after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Maytelin Herrera-Batista
Chairperson

Scott Whitaker
Parks & Recreation Director