

**City Of Carrollton**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**September 11, 2017 Minutes**

The Parks and Recreation Board met September 11, 2017, 6:30 pm, at Crosby Recreation Center, 1610 E Crosby Road.

**Members Present:**

Gabe Cruz  
Gerry Lalima  
Suzanna Dooling, CIPAC mbr  
Dave Hermon, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Daniel Dockeney  
DeWayne Tallmon  
Willadean Martin  
Annette Reese

**Members Absent:**

Maytelin Herrera-Batista

**Staff Present:**

Scott Whitaker, PARD Director  
Bobby Brady, Park Mntce Mgr  
Kara Dickson, Admin Spec  
Kim Bybee, Athletics Mgr  
Heather Smith, Leisure Svcs Mgr

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Dave Hermon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- **VISITORS** – None
- Scott- The Park Board meeting tonight is discuss options to better utilize Josey Ranch field 6 and potential location for the Rotary Club playground and Veterans Memorial.
- Bobby Brady presented Rotary Club Playground. Discussion took place about the location of the playground the Rotary Club is donating. The locations, the positive and negative of each location where discussed. The first location is undetermined but would be in North Carrollton in a future park. The negative of North Carrollton as an option we do not currently have the land purchased or acquired from builders which would extend the completion of the project from 3-5 years for completion. The second location is Harold Bessire Park in Cambridge Estates. Harold Bessire Park playground received a “C” grade a couple years ago. The current playground is in need of replacement. The positive to Bessire Park is replacing a playground that is in need of replacement. There are also discussions of the Fire department contributing a bronzed display to commemorate fire fighters and Harold Bessire was a member of the Fire department so this location lends itself to partnering with the Fire Department to replace aging playground equipment. The third location in consideration is Rosemeade Park to extend the current playground to improve and expand the playground area. The positives for Rosemeade are the trail nearby, the traffic, the land available. There is was also discussion about the playground providing opportunity for play for children of all abilities. The next step is to take the Rotary the top two locations that Park Board chose and present both including the positive and negative for both location. Another option would be for the City to add additional funds and upgrade/replace Harold Bessire play equipment and extend the Rosemeade play area. A consensus was taken at the meeting, 7 board members preferred to focus on Harold Bessire park and 1 for Rosemeade park.
- Heather Smith presented Veterans Park – The VFW has proposed a VFW monument at McInnish. The location doesn’t meet the reflective and passive environment. Staff has

considered multiple locations as a possibility. The first location for consideration is the Senior Center. There is an open area that lends itself to the reflective nature we are looking for. Parking, benches and a small community garden exist, the lake is nearby, and there is an open grassy area with a smaller monument that would work well. The second option is Woodlake. Council is interested in enhancing the Woodlake area at Peters Colony and Josey. There is not a large space but there are small areas that could be utilized in the design. The Woodlake area isn't necessarily an area that would provide the reflective environment due to nearby traffic. This area has more active than passive traffic. Woodlake would also require additional parking. The third location is the Amphitheater. The area has a lot of space that isn't being utilized as much as it could be. The Amphitheater is older and could be torn down or improved. The amphitheater is near City Hall and the police station. Additional parking has been created across the street and there is additional area that more parking could be created. These are the three locations that we have discussed and thought any of them are possible. Currently \$250,000 has been set aside for the Veterans Memorial; VFW has raised about \$17,000. The VFW is really looking for the City to be the major contributor for the funding of the project. We will go back to VFW group with the options that we would like to let them consider the options and come back to the next meeting with their decision. The Park Board consensus for monument location is Senior Center – 4 and Amphitheater – 4.

- Kim Bybee presented Josey Field 6 – This is currently a baseball field at the Josey Ranch complex. This field was used for youth baseball but is no longer used as much as it used to be. The football teams from CYFL are using the outfield for practice during their season. The field has not been kept up to the level of the other fields that are game fields. The first option is to expand the fencing and use the outfields for additional flag football fields. Currently, there is not a dedicated field space for Flag football. The infield would be upgraded for Miracle league type field. In the second option The Miracle field would be a synthetic low pile turf to make it more accessible for all levels of ability and then leave the outfield to section off for three different areas to rent. The estimated cost for synthetic turf of the entire field \$1.1 million. To install turf on the 125-foot Miracle field would be approximately \$350,000. Programming and use of the Miracle field was discussed. There is potential to join the Miracle League and utilize their name to promote programming. This would require specific building requirements and programming as well as fees to be paid to the league. The other programming option is to run it through the Parks & Rec department and rent to local chapters serving special needs groups. Council set aside \$350,000 in the budget. The other options for the area could be a skate park or to re-sod and leave as an open space for rental. The consensus of the 8 Park Board members for Field 6 is to create an all abilities type field and the infield that could be used by Seniors, Wounded Warriors, and Special Olympics would be synthetic turf.
- **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn was made by Gabe Cruz and seconded by Willadean Martin. The vote was unanimous with eight for. Dave Hermon adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm. The next meeting will be to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maytelin Herrera-Batista  
Chairperson

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Scott Whitaker  
Parks & Recreation Director