

City Of Carrollton
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
December 7, 2015 Minutes

The Parks and Recreation Board met December 7, 2015, 6:30 pm in the Elm Fork room at Crosby Recreation Center, 1610 E. Crosby Rd.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Staff present:

Bobby Brady, Parks Mntce Mgr
Susan Bruckhoff, Admin Spclst
Kim Bybee, Athletics Mgr
Jason Chadock, Leisure Svc 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.** Mike Albanese, Carrollton Leader, Tom Sifferman, citizen, and Steve Babick, City Councilman.
3. **INTRODUCE NEW PARK BOARD MEMBERS** – All members and staff introduced themselves and shared a little about themselves.
4. **ELECT NEW BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR PERSONS** – Motion was made by Michael Vertz for Maytelin Herrera-Batista to continue serving as the Board Chair. She agreed. The motion was seconded by Lorri Goddard and the vote was unanimous with 8 for and none against. Michael Vertz made a motion for Dave Hermon to serve as the Vice-Chair. He agreed. Maytelin Herrera-Batista seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous with 8 for and none against.
5. **SELECT NEW CIPAC REPRESENTATIVE** – After discussion, Lorri Goddard agreed to serve as the CIPAC representative and Maytelin agreed to be her back-up since they both travel on their jobs.
6. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2015 MINUTES** - Motion was made by Gerry Lalima to accept the minutes as presented. Willadean Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with nine votes for and none against.
7. **DISCUSS THOMAS FIELD PLAQUE** – Scott reminded everyone that the request to name field #1 at Thomas Sports Complex after Shane Patters was approved and recommended to City Council. Councilman Doug Hrbacek presented text for a plaque to be placed at the field. (ENTER TEXT HERE) After brief discussion, motion was made by Suzanne Dooling to accept the proposed language for the plaque. Second was made by Lorri Goddard and the vote was unanimous with nine for and none against.

8. **DISCUSS PARK LAND IN NORTH CARROLLTON** – Scott briefly explained the Park Master Plan process in which the need for parks in the eastern and western parts of north Carrollton was revealed. We have spoken with the land acquisition specialist in Engineering to be looking for land for this purpose. He went on to explain how funding for parks is through bonds or through developers donating land or paying into a park pro-rata account. Tom Sifferman was present to share his thoughts on the need for parks and trails in the north part of town. The members discussed the matter and asked Scott to continue pursuing the need for land with Engineering. Suzanna Dooling shared that the Texas Master Naturalists and the Blackland Prairie groups would be good resources for building new parks, with volunteers and grants.
9. **DOWNTOWN PARK UPDATE** – Scott shared that big events were held this past Saturday. The Old-Fashioned Christmas event at the nearby A. W. Perry Homestead Museum drew a large crowd (we served 725 cups of hot chocolate and 1,200 cookies) and the brand-new Santa Dash and 5K in downtown Carrollton drew a crowd of about 1,000. Immediately after the race, we assisted with a Santa on the Square event with photos with Santa, balloons, caricature artists, and lots of traffic for the downtown stores. We anticipate the 2016 event will be even larger.
10. **FLOOD UPDATE** – Scott reminded the board that we are working with FEMA on the flood damages at the golf course and McInnish Sports Complex. The fields are open at McInnish but are not back to pre-flood condition. City Council approved upgrades to the fields and we'll be working on that this winter. Council approved opening the Lakes Course at Indian Creek and will look at a study of possibilities for the site at their January 5 meeting. Scott encouraged members to attend this meeting.
11. **REPORT CARD UPDATE** – Scott shared that the update shown to this board previously was shared with City Council. He briefly explained this project to the new board members, and that Council authorized \$425,000 in 2015 to bring some of the lower graded amenities into better condition. \$125,000 is budgeted in 2016 to replace the Perry playground. At their last meeting, City Council authorized an additional \$168,000 in 2016 to replace the Jimmy Porter playground. (Dave Hermon left at this time.)

12. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Kim Bybee** shared that our first Santa Dash was successful, with 96 kids in the Fun Run and 191 runners in the 5K.
We're working on the new McInnish Dog Park and renovations at Thomas baseball.
- **Jason** shared that the Old-Fashioned Christmas event at the A. W. Perry Homestead Museum had about 1,000 in attendance.
We will hold our Get Fit Celebration December 10 at Rosemeade Recreation Center from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, with games, prizes and vendors. We're discussing future options for this program.
We'll have our Fitness & Health Night at Crosby Recreation Center January 15 at 5:30 pm. The Senior Center expansion project is on track and the kitchen is complete.
- **Bobby** said he didn't have any big projects at this time but wanted to brag on his staff for all the different projects they've been involved in lately on top of their regular duties.

Bobby shared that the Jimmy Porter pavilion has been replaced and new solar lights have been installed.

Crews are working on tree planting and a landscape project at Broadway @ Crosby.

Our rodeo team won 3rd overall at region. Several teams did well in individual contests and will advance to the state contest.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Sailer and seconded by Michael Vertz. The vote was unanimous with eight for. Chairperson Maytelin adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm. The next meeting will be February 22, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Maytelin Herrera-Batista
Chairperson

Scott Whitaker
Parks & Recreation Director