

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

July 21, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Robyn Wertheim, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin, Michael Homer Jr. and Dr. Marc Orner. Board member not present was David Pittman. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Assistant Director, Stanley Smith, Legal, and Chairyl Clark, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation Gary Grubbs gave the invocation.

Open forum for public comment: No comments

Acceptance of Minutes from June 16, 2020: Robyn Wertheim moved the minutes be approved for the Regular Agenda Meeting on March 17, 2020. Michael Homer Jr. seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service awards: Presented by Jesse Pottebaum for Zoo employee Dr. Stephanie Carle, Zoo Veterinarian for 5 years.

Update Minter Park: Lesli Andrews reported the ribbon cutting on July 7, 2020 was a success. She presented a video of the water curtain in action, and noted that it is the largest permanent outdoor water curtain currently installed in the United States.

Policies and Fees for Minter Park: Lesli Andrews discussed the proposed fees of \$25.00 per hour for pre-approved, pre-programmed names or designs to run at a specified time. For special events a \$50.00 per hour fee for an employee on site to program names and designs. Stating Corporate/Organization logos would not be allowed. Jeff Goodin motioned to approve, Dr. Marc Orner seconded, for the fees and policy to be approved and moved to City Council for approval.

Operational Reports:

Aquatics: Bobby Brown reported the Splash Pads were in use and very busy daily.

Parks: Richard Rodgers informed it was a busy mowing season. Invited everyone to get out and enjoy the parks. July is Parks and Recreation Month.

Recreation: Ann Hall informed the Summer Camps were practicing social distancing and wearing masks, with an activity of even making fun masks. She presented a video of Adaptive Recreation employee Menyon Booker with her story and her love of her job. Reported the Mother and Son dance was planned for Saturday August 8, 2020 with a space theme because "Mothers and Sons are Out Of This World!"

Zoo: Jesse Pottebaum updated on recent births. Reported on the Zoo anniversary day sponsored by HEB, with free admission that day, drawing in approximately 1,500 people. Talked about the

upcoming Rock and Roar event scheduled for Saturday July 25, 2020, with brisket and adult beverages available for purchase.

Senior Division: Bobby Brown updated, currently providing approximately 400 drive through meals daily. As of 3/18/2020, 28,445 meals have been served. The cooking staff was commended and stated he was happy to see new faces in the drive thru.



Chairman



City Secretary