

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2024

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Abilene, TX. Board members present were David Pittman, Leigh Black, Jack Hurd, Tanell Blackmon and Michael Homer. Parks & Recreation staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Assistant Director, Ann Hall, Recreation Division Manager, Jesus Coronado, Parks Division Manager, Stanley Smith, Legal and Janina Aguero, Secretary.

David Pittman called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Invocation: Tanell Blackmon gave the invocation.

Public Comment:

- Bill Enriquez

Acceptance of Minutes from February 20, 2024: Leigh Black moved the minutes to be approved. Michael Homer seconded. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Rose Park Stormwater Project: Lesli Andrews introduced Srinivas Valavala, from Stormwater Services, to review the Abilene Master Drainage Plan and the effects of Rose Park. Srinivas discussed the project's plan and changes to Rose Park along the creekline. Srinivas mentioned awaiting a grant decision to help fund this project.

Public Comment: None

Michael Homer made a motion to support the proposed plan for Stormwater. Tanell Blackmon seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.

Parks Report: Jesus Coronado gave the Parks Report. Jesus talked about the completion of the Sears Park basketball court project and the new pavilion installed at Valentine Park. Jesus reviewed the winter crews completion numbers of 12 completed projects, 10 pavilions repainted and 421 work orders using 8150 labor hours. Jesus invited the community to the public input meeting for the Lake Fort Phantom Hill Master Plan on March 28th, from 5-7pm.

Recreation Report: Ann Hall gave the Recreation Report. Ann invited everyone to come to the Easter Egg Hunt, on March 23rd, for ages 12 and under, including an adaptive hunt. Ann talked about the Love Your Earth Kite Fest on April 20th at Redbud Park with kites to those who need them.

Seniors Report: Chris Gibson gave the Seniors Report. Chris reviewed the upcoming events including Big Egg Bingo on Thursday March 28th, ArmChair Travel on Monday March 25th and a Cornhole Tournament on Monday April 15th.

Zoo: Chris Gibson gave the Zoo Report. Chris informed the board of the birth of an addax calf and the addition of two striped hyenas. Chris talked about the zoo upgrades and staff being able to save 10 trees and place them around the zoo facility. Chris invited everyone to purchase tickets for the Zoobilation Gala on Saturday April 20th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am



~~Chris Gibson~~, Parks Board Chairman



Jahina Agüero, Secretary