

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

February 21, 2023

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Kerry Fossler, Steven Fobert, Margaret Robinson, and Jamie Creacy. Members absent were Betty Rucker. There are currently two vacant board member positions. City staff and representatives present were Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, Donald Smuck, Arborist Thomas Martinez, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, and Council Liaison John Kirkland. There were no City staff and representatives absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:52 p.m. Chair Kerry Fossler called the meeting to order.

2. REPORTS

2A. Parks Report

Report was given by staff member Thomas Martinez.

2B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Jamie Creacy.

2C. Bastrop Recreation Report

Report was given by staff member Terry Moore.

2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Kerry Fossler.

2E. Council Liaison Report

Report was given by Council Member John Kirkland. He reported that he would be present at the First Friday Art Walk in March to help table for the Parks Master Plan.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

4. WORKSHOP

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the January 5, 2023, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Member Margaret Robinson and seconded by Member Steven Fobert. Vote was unanimous.

5B. Update on Murals in Bob Bryant drainage channel.

Primer and paint will take place the first weekend of March.

5C. Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan

All the social media and printed materials to assist in getting the word out about the community engagement portion will be provided by Stantec next Tuesday. Website is active now for the Map It and Data Wall functions of community feedback. Community survey kick off event will take place on March 6 at the food truck court. Compilation of feedback data will begin on April 7. There may also be a photo contest, but details are still being sorted out.

5D. Discussion on open Parks Board Members

Two spots are currently open. The process is to fill out an application to the City Secretary to be approved by the Mayor and Council. The application was sent to the City DEI committee in January for review as well as sharing. We are aware of one interested person, Mile Lucas, who lives within the City limits. Application process is being shared with him.

5E. Update donation of bird houses by Bastrop County Rotary Club

Work is continuing with this project.

5F. Discuss the changing of Parks and Tree Advisory Board starting time

A motion was made by member Margaret Robinson to change the starting time of meetings to 5:00pm, keeping meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month. Motion was seconded by Steven Forbert. The vote was unanimous.

5G. Discussion on current and future vendors in City Parks

One of the vendor contracts in City Parks is expiring and so it was brought to the parks board for discussion. Members discussed that there was benefit to vendors within parks to provide services and varying opportunities. There was additional discussion that some ordinances related to the use of the concession stand in Fisherman's Park may need to be looked at to allow for more opportunity of use.

6. ADJORNMENT

Member Jamie Creacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Member Margaret Robinson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:


Kerry Fossler, Chair

ATTEST:


Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director