

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

April 6, 2023

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Kerry Fossler, Steven Fobert, Jamie Creacy, and Michael Lucas (arrived 5:50 p.m.). Members Margaret Robinson was absent. There are currently two vacant board member positions. City staff and representatives present were Parks Superintendent Donald Smuck, Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, Recreation Manager Terry Moore, and Council Liaison John Kirkland.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. Chair Kerry Fossler called the meeting to order.

2. REPORTS

2A. Parks Report

Report was given by staff member Donald Smuck.

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 has been sharing Parks Master Plan survey information.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comment from Juda Ross. Thanked the board for their service. Thanked the park staff for their service. Please consider a 30-day extension on the Parks Master Plan survey with a goal to obtain 2,000 – 3,000 survey responses.

4. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the February 21, 2023, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Member Steven Fobert and seconded by Member Jamie Creacy. Vote was unanimous.

4B. Update on Murals in Bob Bryant drainage channel

Update was provided by Public Works Director Curtis Hancock reporting from Candice Butts. Students have been working hard but weather has delayed completion. Getting close.

4C. Update and Discuss on Parks Master Plan

Update was provided by Bastrop Recreation Terry Moore. Surveys are going well, over 800 received to date. Closing soon. Plan on joint meeting with steering committee on Tuesday May 2nd. Adjustments will be considered backed on joint meeting feedback. Presentation to citizens mid-May. Then it would be presented to Council.

4D. Discussion on open Parks Board Members

Meet our newest member, Mike Lucas. There are still two openings on the board, and we are accepting applications.

4E. Update and Discuss Bird Houses

Update was provided by Park Superintendent Donald Smuck. On April 19th at 9:00am, one duck, one owl, one bat, four songbird houses will be installed at Fisherman's Park. Provided by Bastrop County Rotary Club.

4F. Update and Discuss Special Olympics Texas in Bob Bryant Park

Update provided by Public Works Director Curtis Hancock. Permit to host SOTX soccer tournament in Bob Bryant Park on May 12, 2023 has been completed. City staff will assist with human-power and equipment to apply paint provided by special Olympics to line the soccer fields. The field will temporarily become 3 fields for the tournament.

4G. Update and Discuss Lost Pines Christmas Lights

Update provide by Public Works Director Curtis Hancock. Fisherman's holiday light display was presented. Photo frame option #1 was preferred.

4F. Update and Discuss Ferry Park Volunteers

Heart of Texas Chamber is looking for a volunteer project and the Ferry Park Gazebo needs updates. A vibrant blue color was presented. It was brought up that other entities, such as Visit Bastrop or Main Street, would be good to have a seat at the table on color/look selection. Member Jamie Creacy moved to utilize the blue as presented pending feedback from Visit Bastrop and the Main Street Advisory Board. Member Steven Fobert seconded. Vote was unanimous.

5. ADJORNMENT


Member Jamie Creacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Member Steven Fobert seconded. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:



Kerry Fossler, Chair

ATTEST:



Donald Smuck, Parks Superintendent