

CASTROVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
City Hall Council Chambers Castroville, Texas

**April 16, 2025**  
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

**I. Call to order TIME: 6:00p**

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Adriana Arrington- Calk, President  
Nicol Schriner, Vice President  
Alli Welch, Secretary  
Kyle McVay- Member- Absent  
Kelly Hoog - Member  
Stephen Dauphin- Alternate (left early @ 6:26p)  
Ben Jean- Alternate (sitting in for Kyle)  
Jonah Chang, Director of Parks and Recreation  
David Merz, District 4 City Council Liaison

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Helen Delevan- Friends of the Parks  
Houston Marchman- District 2 City Council Member

**III. Citizen's comments**

none

**IV. Consent Agenda:**

**Motion:** Accept minutes from last meeting.

**Motion By:** Nicol                      **2nd By:** Ben

**Vote: Yes#**        5    **No#** 0    **Pass**

**V. Presentations**

**a. Lion's Sport Complex Masterplan update**

Recommendations

1. Inclusive playground including climbing structure and swings
2. Multiple shade pavilions
3. Multi-sport hard surface court including basketball, pickleball, four-square, etc.
4. Updated sports field and softball field with irrigation and fencing
5. Sports field lighting
6. Parking along perimeter of property
7. Additional bathroom
8. Seating (stone benches), picnic tables, walking trails, landscaping
9. Water reuse system for the splashpad

Discussed possible future addition of field running north/ south inside softball field. The current trail outside the fence would move in areas more to the west. This field could accommodate football, cheer, baseball practice, etc. Discussed moving priority of recycle to splash pad higher on priority list. Discuss as action item next meeting.

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- b. Discussion and guidance on how the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board would like to be involved with future grant items and decision making.

Board indicated they would like to provide input on future grant proposals relative to priority list.

## **VI. General update**

### **a. Friends of Castroville Regional park**

Recent workday brought 38 volunteers for various projects including mulching trees, butterfly garden, etc. Some stayed for 4 hours (instead of 2)

## **VII. Updates from Parks and Recreation Manager**

### **Discussion**

#### **Community Center**

- Time-lapse camera in place to document construction progress.
- Alternate Stephen Dauphin exited the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

#### **Easter Weekend**

- Egg Hunt scheduled for Good Friday.
- Park reservations are nearly full for the weekend.
- Discussion held regarding the overall benefit of the event to the city versus the level of effort required to host it.
- Board suggested reviewing fees charged by San Antonio parks for similar Easter events.

#### **Aquatics**

- Pool Heaters: Units have been replaced and are operational through the final swim day on 4/6.
- Outdoor Equipment:
  - Volunteer offered to build protective covering for outdoor piping/heaters (Nicol).
  - Chemical corrosion observed in pump house (Jonah); to be discussed at the CIP meeting to determine potential funding for equipment protection or enclosure.
- Summer Programming:
  - Nicol inquired about posted information; Jonah confirmed program info will be posted after Easter.
  - Reservation requests are being penciled in as calls come in.
  - General construction timeline to be posted soon; actual schedule may allow for extended pool openings.

#### **Splash Pad**

- Inspected by city staff and Advanced Aquatics.
- Findings:
  - One line not working due to sediment and roots.

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- Notable foundation drop on one side—currently investigating cause and responsibility.
- Some features remain operational; splash pad will stay open.
- Signage in development to inform community about which features are working and how to use them.

**Quarterly Report – Special Projects Fund**

- \$11,655 available in the general fund.
- Reminder: Special Projects Fund allows year-to-year carryover, unlike the general fund.

**Soccer Field Irrigation**

- System tested and operating well; disc filter performing as expected.
- Irrigation paused due to recent rains, but will likely resume before Easter.
- Coordination with WWTP to access wet well—identified a helpful valve not shown on existing plans.
- Nicol emphasized the importance of keeping updated utility plans for future generations.

**VIII. Review sports league contracts**

MVYBA and soccer are very similar except that city does maintenance on soccer fields so there is a \$20/ per participant charge for this. MVYBA covers all maintenance on their own.

**IX. Discussion on Future Agenda Items**

- a. TPWD Grant Feedback
- b. Define future pool usage and additional programming.
- c. Discussion on Phase II of Pool additions including additional changing areas, showers & restrooms, and handicap accessibility.
- d. Review and take appropriate

**IX. Adjourn TIME 7:20**

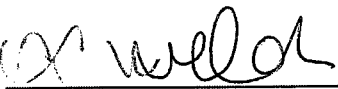
Next meeting May 21<sup>st</sup>

Motion: To Adjourn

Motion By: Alli                      2nd By: kelly

Vote: Yes# 5    No# 0    Pass

Prepared By



Approved By

