



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 13th day of July 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, 78238 for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Park Commission Vice-Chair Danielle Bolton called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., with all Commissioners present, with the exception of Mr. Evan Bohl, who was not excused.

Also present at the meeting was Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Approval of the May 11, 2023, Park Commission Minutes – (Commissioners)

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Bolton, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to Be Heard

There were no citizens wishing to speak.

4. Old Business

A. Hike & Bike Trail Segment 1 Progress Report (M. Moritz)

Staff member Moritz explained that the contractor had almost finished the job but was pouring the remaining concrete behind the fire station and waiting for the signage and other amenities to be delivered. She also noted that work continued on the fencing along El Verde Road.

B. Discussion and Recommendations – Linkwood Addition – Pavona Place Trail (Commissioners)

Staff member Moritz reminded the Commissioners that they were to submit their recommendations on trail amenities so she could place them in the budget. Commissioner Valdez stated that she had submitted her recommendations which included benches, round tables, new mulch in the fitness station, and landscaping. Other suggestions from the Commissioners included dog waste stations and waiting until the

new housing development was constructed to make decisions about what amenities should be installed at the portion of trail that abutted that property.

5. New Business

a. Subcommittee Reports

Chairman Christensen stated that subcommittees were new to the Park Commission and that he would like the subcommittees to follow Robert's Rules of Order as much as possible and to include their reports in the regular Park Commission packets.

1. Tree Subcommittee

Chairman Christensen stated that Commissioner Benavides and himself had nothing to report.

2. Swimming Pool Subcommittee

Commissioner Sawyer explained that the subcommittee had met and that minutes had been submitted to the Commission. Staff member Moritz stated that a copy of the minutes had been placed in the packet for review. Commissioner Valdez stated that she still had some concerns with patrons being allowed to use certain flotation devices in the pool, and that they had revised the pool rules.

Commissioner Sawyer noted that the group had met with the Pool Manager and city staff to discuss these concerns and it was agreed that kickboards, approved snorkels and masks, and flotation rings would be allowed. She then stated that she was still concerned about the consumption of alcohol at the pools, even though the issue had been discussed with and approved by the City Council.

A general discussion was held about the alcohol concern, which included possibly setting a limit, existing laws, and whether to again bring the item to City Council. Chairman Christensen stated that the Park Commission had already sent their recommendation to City Council and that it had been denied. He suggested the Park Commission might consider rescinding their previous recommendation.

b. Jazz Festival Recap

Staff member Moritz gave a short recap of the Jazz Festival which had been held at Raymond Rimkus Park. She noted that the estimated attendance was 20,000 people and that it was considered a success. Commissioner Valdez stated that she had concerns regarding the bounce house and the number of children that were allowed inside one at the same time. Several Commissioners voiced the same concerns. Staff member Moritz explained that the organizer had expressed that concern as well and the bounce houses would no longer be at the event.

c. Discussion and Recommendation – Boy Scout Eagle Project – Gaga Ball Pit at the Steurenthaler-Silo Park (Tarun Bandaru)

As Mr. Bandaru was not in attendance, the item was tabled to the next Park Commission meeting.

5. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Chairman Christensen stated that because of the excessive heat, the remaining summer meetings would be held at the Conference Center. He then thanked the Public Works Department and the rest of the City Staff for their work in holding the 4th of July event.

Commissioner Carreon-Martinez stated that she was glad the Park Commission had resumed meeting. She noted that she had attended both the Jazz Festival and the 4th of July celebration, had enjoyed both, and was proud of the city for holding these types of events.

Commissioner Valdez noted that the city website needed to be updated to include the Hike & Bike Trail, the city pools, and to add the Veteran's Park area.

Commissioner Marrufo thanked the Pool Subcommittee for meeting with city staff and the Pool manager. She explained that the meeting went well, and everyone was open to new ideas.

Commissioner Frazier noted that she appreciated the changes made to the pool rules and for allowing certain flotation devices in the pool areas, and that the pool patrons would be excited about the changes.

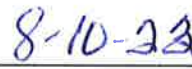
Commissioner Trent noted that she had assisted with the 5K run sponsored by the Leon Valley Historical Society and appreciated the assistance from the city with that event. She noted that it was a great success and was well attended.

8. Adjourn.

Commissioner Marrufo motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

These minutes were approved at the August 10, 2023, Park Commission meeting.


Roger Christensen, Chairman


Date