



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 9th day of March 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 Chairman Roger Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the following Commissioners in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Julie Carreon-Martinez, Ann Sawyer, Elaine Valdez, Nancy Marrufo, and 1st Alternate Tom Benavides. Absent were Commissioners Evan Bohl, Diane Frazier, and Denise Berger.

Also present at the meeting were resident and City Council candidate Mr. Drew Power and Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Approval of the February 9, 2023, Park Commission Minutes – (Commissioners)

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

3. Citizens to Be Heard

Mr. Power addressed the Commissioners stating that he lived in the Canterfield II Subdivision, and he thanked them for their service as Park Commissioners. He then asked the Commissioners their thoughts on possibly keeping a portion of city-owned property in the Seneca West area as a nature preserve. He explained that a city-initiated zoning case had been discussed at the previous City Council meeting, in which changing the zoning of the property from RE-1 Single Family Estate zoning to R-6 Garden Home zoning was being considered and that the citizens in that area were against the change, preferring to leave a portion of it as a natural area. He noted that the proposed zoning flew in the face of environmental protection and that declaring the area a preserve would open the possibility of acquiring grants for its minimal development.

Ms. Moritz explained that one of the reasons for the rezoning hearing was to gauge local public reaction to such zoning and that changing the zoning to R-6 would possibly make the property more attractive to developers. She explained that the city had acquired the property as a part of a settlement agreement in a lawsuit and that the focus in the past had been to sell the property and return the funds that were spent during the settlement

to the taxpayers. A general discussion was held regarding the future potential of the property.

4. Old Business

A. Discussion and Action – March 25th Jazz Fest at Raymond Rimkus Park (C. Miranda).

Ms. Moritz noted that Public Relations Director Miranda was not available for the discussion, but that at the last meeting, she had explained the draft layout and timing of the event, and that it had not been finalized. She directed the Commissioners to the final layout and program for the event and encouraged everyone to attend. A general discussion was held regarding the number of booths, food trucks, restroom facilities, and the number of people expected to attend the event.

B. Discussion and Possible Action – Arbor Day April 28th (R. Christensen)

Chairman Christensen asked 1st Alternate Commissioner Benavides if there were any events planned for the event. Mr. Benavides answered that there were not, as that time of year in Texas was typically too hot and that the best planting time for trees was in the fall or early spring, and noted that the city held their Arbor Day at the end of October each year. Mr. Christensen asked how many trees were given away at the recent Earthwise Living Day event. Mr. Benavides stated that approximately 300 were given out.

5. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action – Recommend Moving 1st Alternate Tom Benavides to Regular Position on the Park Commission (R. Christensen)

Chairman Christensen asked Mr. Benavides if he would consider holding a regular seat on the Commission now that one had been vacated. Mr. Benavides stated that he would. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Bolton to recommend Mr. Benavides for a regular seat on the Commission, which was seconded by Commissioner Marrufo. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion and Action – Forming a Swimming Pool Subcommittee (R. Christensen)

Chairman Christensen asked Commissioners Valdez, Sawyer, and Julie Carreon – Martinez if they would like to be on a Pool Subcommittee to make recommendations on the swimming pools and asked that the Subcommittee be kept to four members. All three agreed and the subcommittee was formed. The Subcommittee stated that they would report monthly to the entire Commission.

C. Discussion and Possible Action – Hold April 13, 2023 Park Commission Meeting at Raymond Rimkus Park (R. Christensen)

Chairman Christensen explained to the Commissioners that the Park Commission typically held their spring and fall meetings at one of the parks. He asked the Commissioners if they wanted to hold the April 13th meeting at Raymond Rimkus Park. The Commissioners agreed by consensus.

6. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

1st Alternate Benavides let the Pool Subcommittee know that he was available if they needed any help.

Commissioner Valdez reminded everyone that Earth Day was April 22, 2023, which was on a Saturday. She noted that the Earthwise Living Day Committee would be assisting the City Council in holding a picnic that day at the Veteran's Park area in front of the Conference Center, starting at 9 am, and that they would have door prizes. She encouraged all Commissioner to attend and to bring their own lunch and that they would be providing water and juice. She noted that the Earthwise Living Day Committee had plans for other events that the Park Commission may want to attend and that she would let them know as the events became finalized.

Commissioner Marrufo stated that she was glad she was able to attend and work the Earthwise Living Day event, that everyone at the event seemed to be having a good time.

Commissioner Carreon-Martinez added her enthusiasm for the Earthwise Living Day event and thanked the Chairman for adding her to the Pool Subcommittee.

Chairman Christensen thanked the Commissioners that had helped man the Park Commission booth at the Earthwise Living Day event.

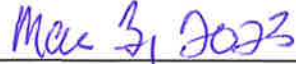
8. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Bolton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Carreon-Martinez. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

These minutes were approved at the April 13, 2023, Park Commission meeting.



Roger Christensen, Chairman



Date