

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM

City Council Chambers | 202 N. Virginia Street, Port Lavaca TX 77979

MINUTES

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CITY OF PORT LAVACA §

On this the 18th day of August, 2021, due to the COVID-19 concerns and in accordance with the Governor's Orders and recommendations, the Recreation and Parks Board of the City of Port Lavaca, Texas, convened in regular session at 12:00 p.m. by utilizing "Zoom Meeting and Facebook Live Transmission" on the City of Port Lavaca's Facebook page beginning at 12:00 p.m. Central Time on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021.

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ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance:

Mac Sistrunk	Chairman
Olga Szela	Board Member
William J. Reagan	Board Member

The following members were absent:

Jean Wehmeyer	Board Member
Melinda Cain	Board Member

Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, at which time the following business was transacted:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mac Sistrunk called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and presided.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - *Limited to 3 minutes per individual unless permission to speak longer is received in advance. You may make public comments as you would at a meeting on Zoom by logging on with your computer and/or smart phone as described in the zoom invitation below or on Facebook Live through the comment section, which will be monitored and answered. As appropriate.*

1. General discussion and hear statements from citizens.

No comments.

ACTION ITEMS - *Council will consider/discuss the following items and take any action deemed necessary*

2. Approve minutes from the regular meeting held July 21, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA, TEXAS:

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 21, 2021.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Szela, Seconded by Board Member Reagan.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan

3. Receive Parks & Recreation Operations and Maintenance report from Director of Public Works.

Public Works Director Wayne Shaffer reported that he did not have any major updates. He stated that they are primarily concentrating on regular maintenance and upkeep of the mowing. Shaffer also added that he is looking into a bagging system for the mowing. He explained that would make the process a lot more easier for the workers and would alleviate them having to come back and bag the grass once it has been mowed.

Parks Superintendent Joe Rodriguez reported that the playscape at Wilson park was fixed. He explained that they are waiting on parts for the playground at Tilley park, George Adams park and Lighthouse Beach.

4. Receive update on park assignments from park board members.

Board Member William “Bill” Reagan’s park assignment is Wilson Park, he stated the park looks very good. He mentioned that he did notice there was a electrical box that had a wire hanging out that needed attention.

Chairman Mac Sistrunk’s park assignment is Bayfront Park, he stated that the park looked good. He mentioned the Bayfront Beats are currently going on and have been very well attended. A report that the bathroom parts were ordered and the bathroom that was vandalized should be fixed soon.

Board Member Melinda Cain’s park assignment is George Adams Park and Lighthouse Beach. Cain was absent from the meeting but reported on her park assignments via text message. She reported that the George Adams park looked good and the mowing at the park was very well kept up. She also reported that at Lighthouse Beach she noticed a sign at the kiosk stating that there are electrical issues and the park is not accepting any new RV reservations. Shaffer explained that there will be advertisements of bids to get this issue resolved.

Board Member Olga Szela's park assignment is City Park and Butterfly Park. She reported that City Park overall looked very good. She also reported on Butterfly Park and stated the park looked good overall as well. She stated the mowing looked to be kept up on both parks.

5. Receive status report on the 2019 Texas Parks and Wildlife Trails Grant project.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver reported that Urban Engineering is still working on the plans and will be submitting plans to the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Once that is done, she anticipates the bids will begin in approximately four to five weeks after that. She also stated that the amount of money currently on the budget for this project will not be enough to cover the pavement on the Peninsula. There have been budget discussions and additional money has been added to the general fund to fulfil that project.

6. Receive Status report of the New Skate Park project at Wilson Park.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver reported that the soils report was returned. She indicated that GEO Teck made the recommendation to remove nine feet from subgrade. Rather than doing that, Weaver explained the plan is to remove four feet of subgrade and have two feet of cement stabilize subgrade and then replacing four feet with select fill. The skatepark construction company is currently getting local bids for the subgrade prep.

7. Receive status report on improvement projects at Lighthouse Beach Park.

Interim City Manager Jody Weaver reported that the pier should be complete by September 16th. Once the project is complete, she advised they will set up a ribbon cutting event.

Jody Weaver presented the current park budget to the board. The board reviewed the reports and there were no further comments.

Jody Weaver presented a diagram on the possibility of creating the Way Born Learning Trail at the City park. The board had a brief discussion on this item.

THAT, in accordance with recommendation of staff, the Recreation and Parks Board hereby approves the United Way for the Born Learning Trail to be located at the City Park.

Voting Yea: Chairman Sistrunk, Vice Chairwoman Szela, Board Member Reagan

Board had a brief discussion on the following information:

11. Consider reassignment of Park Board members to the Sign Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Reagan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Szela seconded said motion.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sistrunk, Szela, and Reagan

NAYS: None

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 P.M.



Mac Sistrunk, Chairman

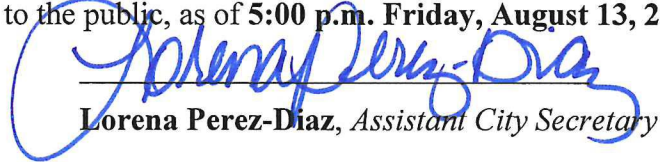
ATTEST:



Lorena Perez-Diaz, Assistant City Secretary

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This is to certify that the above notice of a regular meeting of The City Council of The City of Port Lavaca, scheduled for **Wednesday, August 18, 2021**, beginning at 6:30 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of **5:00 p.m. Friday, August 13, 2021**.



Lorena Perez-Diaz, *Assistant City Secretary*