



PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Municipal Complex, 516 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park, TX 76087

Monday, August 01, 2022 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Parks Meeting was called to order by Corey Tucker at 6:04 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Quorum was confirmed by Corey Tucker.

PRESENT

David Wagner
Corey Tucker
Ever Gomez
James McKibben
Lea Young
Cynthia White

Staff Present: Toni Fisher, Planning & Development Director

Guest Speaker: Larry Colvin, Weatherford Mountain Bike Club

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Limited to five minutes per person)

Residents may address the Park Board regarding an item that is not listed on the agenda. Residents must complete a speaker form and turn it in to the Secretary five (5) minutes before the start of the meeting. The Rules of Procedure states that comments are to be limited to five (5) minutes. The Texas Open Meetings Act provides the following: (a) If, at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by this subchapter, the notice provisions of this subchapter do not apply to: (1) A statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or (2) A recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. (b) Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.

There were no public comments.

May 03, 2022 Parks Board Meeting

1. Parks Board Meeting Minutes 5/03/22

Parks Board Meeting Minutes 5/03/22 approved.

Motion made by Wagner, Seconded by Gomez.
Voting Yea: Tucker, McKibben, Young, White

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion regarding Christmas Lighting and electrical power to Memorial Park

Toni Fisher, Planning & Development Director, informed the Board that the City Council approved adding electrical outlets to Memorial Park and a contract with Murphy Christmas Lighting to wrap trees. Five outlets were added in the Memorial Park and several tree trunks were to be wrapped with lighting in Memorial Park, two in Cross Timbers Park, and three at the Public Safety Building, to be done in September (lit in November).

3. Discussion regarding Cross Timbers Park improvements

Fisher informed the Board that several improvements were completed and in the process of being completed in Cross Timbers Park. She spoke of the split-rail wooden fencing that had been replaced and some square footage added which now borders the private property along the rear creek; the cast stone park sign to be completed within a few weeks, and electric flood lights to be installed at its base; the rerouting and replacement of the sprinkler system around the Demonstration Garden, now connected to the main service box on the park side, making control easier and more efficient; and, the awaited park equipment of three covered awnings, six picnic tables, three custom park benches, and three trash cans expected for delivery and installation by/in September.

4. Discussion and presentation by Larry Colvin, Weatherford Mountain Biking Club President, regarding Willow Park Trail System and East Parker County Trail (EPCoT)

Larry Colvin, Weatherford Mountain Biking Club President, presented a preliminary trail plan to the Board and explained the one-year history in working with Mayor Pro Tem, Lea Young, for development of a trail system within the City of Willow Park. He also spoke of his proposal for the NCTCOG's Veloweb to realign through Willow Park instead of along the railroad in Aledo. Colvin shared his/WMBC's progress of conversations with key personnel in surrounding cities and the Parker County Judge with regard to his vision of the East Parker County Trail (EPCoT).

Board member Wagner indicated that he believed we should aim for improved surface for connection trail under the I-20/Kings Gate (TxDOT) portion of the EPCoT connection.

Board member Gomez questioned if the city roads would be part of the 25 miles of trail WMBC would like to accomplish, to which Colvin said they would; and, Gomez commented that Jenkins Road seemed more like a private driveway to him than a public road, and a very safe place for the trail.

Mayor Pro Tem Lea Young informed the Board of the City's street improvements and its intention of adding bike lanes now vs. retroactively in the future. She spoke to the meeting with Colvin, Fisher, and herself with City of Weatherford personnel regarding the connectivity between the Willow Park Trails and the plans for Weatherford's trails; and, their 10+ year vision for proposed concrete path all the way around Lake Weatherford, bike lanes or concrete paths with off-shoots of mountain bike trail with funding and permissions by property owners and other cities, NTCOG, TxDOT, and future developments.

5. Discussion regarding future park and trail improvements with 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Fisher spoke of numerous future park and trail improvement ideas which could be encompassed in a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), . Mayor Pro Tem reviewed the list and spoke about its needs vs. wants, both of which may require fundraiser options, grants, and/or long-term planning. She also said that sidewalk grants is something the city would like to look into in the near future. Young continued that property is our biggest concern for improvements. She also discussed the trail plans in relation to connectivity through the City and how each connectivity point impacts the next, and that she would like for Colvin to present his ideas to City Council in September/October and for the City to move forward with adopting an official trail plan.

ADJOURNMENT

As authorized by Section 551.127, of the Texas Government Code, one or more Council Members or employees may attend this meeting remotely using video conferencing technology.

Meeting was adjourned by Corey Tucker at 6:52 p.m.

Motion made by McKibben, Seconded by Gomez.
Voting Yea: Wagner, Tucker, Young, White

Approval of Minutes:

Corey Tucker, Parks Board Chair

Date

Toni Fisher

Planning and Development Director

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