

MINUTES

On June 10, 2020, the Parks and Recreation Board met via video conference at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall at 601 S Buchanan Street, Room 201 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. John Ingerson	Yes	30	24
Mr. Bob Altman	Yes	13	12
Ms. Terry Price	Yes	30	24
Mr. Matt Sanders	Yes	22	17
Mr. Gerald Malkuch	No	22	16
Mr. George Veloz II	No	22	14
Mr. Mubashir Subhani	No	22	10
Mr. Luke Austin	Yes	22	15
Ms. Tiffany Podzemney	Yes	5	5
Ms. Angela Harney	Yes	5	4

Attendees:

MICHAEL KASHUBA	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
DAVID WILSON	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
KRISTEN WOLBACH	COORDINATOR OF PR AND PROGRAMMING
SHERYLENE MORRIS	RECORDING SECRETARY

ITEM 1: Public Comments. No Public comments.

ITEM 2: Call to Order and Approval of Amended Minutes from Meeting held May 13, 2020 and Minutes from the Special Meeting held on May 21, 2020. Chairman, Mr. John Ingerson, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board to order at 1:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Bob Altman, seconded by Ms. Angela Harney and unanimously carried to approve the amended minutes from May 13, 2020 as written. Motion was made by Mr. Luke Austin, seconded by Ms. Terry Price and unanimously carried to approve the Special Meeting minutes from May 21, 2020 as written.

ITEM 3: The Parks and Recreation Board will Discuss or Receive Reports on the Following Current Matters or Projects.

A. Plan to Open Parks. Michael Kashuba, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on the opening of the Parks to include splash pads, playgrounds, outdoor volleyball and basketball courts, adult athletics, dog parks, fishing lakes, golf and disk golf, indoor swimming pool at Warford, parks and trails, pavilions (no rentals), skate parks, zoo, limited services at the Warford Center and encouraging the public to social distance, sanitize according to the CDC recommendations, encouraging those who are sick to stay at home, and also encouraging masks but not requiring them. Outdoor swimming pools and park restrooms remain closed. The Director stated that the staffing shortage due to the hiring freeze of our seasonal employees has impacted some of our maintenance operations.

B. & C. Asset Management Plan and Parks Master Plan. The Director stated that copies of the Asset Management Plan have been given to the Council and will be presented at the next Council meeting on June 16, 2020 along with the first round of information from the Parks Master Plan survey. A presentation and discussion of the Parks Master Plan survey was presented to the Board. Walking and bike trails, supporting sports and considering options for the aging facilities in our parks were an important item of discussion by Ms. Angela Harney.

D. Future Agenda Items. Open Space Parks, Council Response to the Asset Management Plan and the Parks Master Plan, Update on Thompson Park Pool as a standing item and the latest renderings, Update on the Summer Lunch Program and Budget. Copy of this Presentation/PowerPoint survey is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM 4: Present and Discuss Volunteer Programs. Kristen Wolbach, Coordinator of PR and Programming, presented a PowerPoint on Volunteer Programs to be initiated by the Parks and Recreation Department that would mobilize, raise awareness and effect change in our community. The proposed volunteer initiatives include volunteer programs, Adopt a Park Program and Park Alliance. Volunteers could help with litter and trash removal, beautification projects, helping with Special Events and youth volunteer incentives. Adopt a Park is a community based volunteer group with an ongoing commitment to improving their park. Park Alliance is a focus on supporting public parks and recreation activities in Amarillo and to ensure that our park system is fully supported, protected and preserved. Teen Court, Hands on Amarillo, Rotary, AISD, National Honor Society, Kiwanis and the Lions Club were suggested by the Board as possible Volunteers. Copy of this PowerPoint Presentation is on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM 4: Adjournment. There, being no further business, Motion was made by Mr. Bob Altman, seconded by Mr. Matt Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

ATTEST: 
Sherylene Morris, Board Secretary


John Ingerson, Chairman