

## **SCHERTZ PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**DATE & TIME:** Monday, March 28, 2022; 5:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Bobs Andrew Conference Room

**Board Members Present:** Johnie McDow, Chairman; William Bosch, Vice-Chair; Reginna Agee; Sally Macias; Floy Simmons; James Garvin; Jamie Acevedo; Brad Snow

**Staff Present:** Lauren Shrum, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Analyse Miranda, Parks Board Secretary; Brian James, Assistant City Manager

**Others Present:** Fredy Degollado; Josh Sandoval

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. McDow at 5:32 PM.

**Hearing of residents:** Judy Stanley, Master Gardener

Judy Stanley thanked the city staff for all their assistance at Gutierrez Garden Park. She stated all the items the Lion's Club has helped with and explained the history of the park and its components.

**Regular Agenda:**

**Agenda Item No. 1. Minutes:** Consideration and/or action regarding the approval of the minutes from March 28, 2022 meeting.

Motion to approve the March 28, 2022, minutes as recorded of the Schertz Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting:

Motion: William Bosch

Second: Reginna Agee

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Approved: Yes

**Agenda Item No 2. Update on Park Projects:**

Ms. Shrum announced that the Hilltop / Homestead grant application was not funded at this time and that she would meet with TPWD Grants staff to review the application to see where it could be made better. Ms. Shrum thinks some of the areas we could make the application stronger is to overmatch in funds and add in sustainability features to the park design. Ms. Shrum stated that the Ashley Park Phase III permit was submitted on 3/28/2022. Ms. Shrum also announced that the Wendy Swan Memorial Park Pool conversion to the Wendy Swam Memorial Park Splash Pad has been approved and the site plan is pending approval. The restroom plan is pending as well and being funded through insurance claim funds from Winter Storm Uri. Thulemeyer Park is in the process of minor repairs. The parking plan is in process with city engineers but is not a completely funded project yet. Will need to be made into a phased project. Heritage Oaks Park has drainage issues that city staff are working on and the basketball courts are in process. The Schertz Soccer Complex irrigation storage is in design phase. Funding for the majority of the

irrigation storage upgrades are coming from leftover funds in the original Soccer Complex/Ballpark expansion bond in 2013.

Other additional projects include Crescent Bend Nature Park automatic gate, a refresh at the Dog Park, and the Schertz Public Library landscaping which is 75% complete. The department has also been requested by council to initiate a public art program and look at adding public art throughout the parks.

**Agenda Item No 3. Update on Trail Projects:**

Ms. Shrum stated that the trail easement from Cibolo Valley Baptist Church at FM 1103 has been approved.

Ms. Shrum shared how successful the multi-municipal Trail Connect – Alamo Area Suburban Cities Meeting was to discuss status of trails (planned and unplanned) and TxDOT Projects. Great Springs Projects assisted immensely in the meeting and restated their goal was to create a trail along I-35 from the Alamo to the Capitol. AAMPO and TxDOT both presented on project updates and funding assistance.

M. Shrum reviewed the city's future plans of the trails as well as neighborhoods and expressed the need for trails and parks improvements especially at Crescent Bend Nature Park. Also reviewed was Google Maps with all future plans and hopeful New Braunfels connections.

**Agenda Item No 4. FUN Guide Presentation:**

Ms. Shrum presented the Spring / Summer 2022 FUNGuide

**Agenda Item No 5. Review of Year End Financials of Organizations with Public Facility License Agreements with the City of Schertz:**

Fredy Degollado, YMCA Director, presented the YMCA current financial status, outreach goals and facility maintenance plans.

L. Shrum reviewed Buffalo Valley Youth Association and Schertz Youth Soccer Association fees including Non-Resident fees. J. Acevedo questioned some lines of each budget, but J. McDow confirmed funds are replaced by fundraising. He also stated that the City of Schertz handles fencing, lighting, and all capital improvements. BVYA handles all other expenses. L. Shrum and J. McDow went into detail about the history of the partnership and expenses.

**Agenda Item No 6. Requests from Advisory Board for Future Agenda:**

L. Shrum reviewed the tentative Parks Board agenda calendar.

**Agenda Item No 7. Announcements by Advisory Board Chairman and Board Members:**

J. Garvin announced statewide scholarship for irrigation prospective students and green industries.

**Announcements by City Staff:**

Upcoming City events –

- Star Party – March 26<sup>th</sup> & November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Movin on Main – April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Request for volunteers
- Nature Discovery Series – April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup> & June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ed-ZOO-cation – April 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup> & September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Social Kickball League – April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Motion: William Bosch

Second: James Garvin

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Approved: Motion approved

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Chair/Vice-Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Recording Secretary, City of Schertz