

**SCHERTZ PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**DATE & TIME:** Monday, November 27, 2023; 5:30 PM

**LOCATION FOR PARKS CARAVAN TOUR:** 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz TX – Bob Andrews Conference Center

**Board Members Present:** Johnie McDow, Chair; William Bosch, Vice-Chair; Robert Sheridan; Reginna Agee; Sally Macias; James Snow

**Staff Present:** Sarah Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager; Lauren Shrum, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Lexis Michael, Parks Board Liaison; Cassandra Paddock, Recreation Manager

**Others Present:** Ed Quini; Mica Boyers

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Mr. McDow at 5:30 PM.

**Hearing of residents:** Ed Quini, SAYSAT

Ed Quinn produced a handout of a proposal for multi-sport courts at Thulemeyer Park. SAYSAT would fund this project and would get 1<sup>st</sup> choice of dates and time usage. Proposed location is the corner of Aero Avenue and Oak Street, adjacent to Anderson and Lions Fields.

**Regular Agenda:**

**Agenda Item No. 1. Minutes:** Consideration and/or action regarding the approval of the minutes from September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion to approve September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes as recorded (as amended) of the Schertz Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting:

Motion: James Snow                      Second: Reginna Agee

Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0                                      Abstains: 0

Approved: Yes

**Agenda Item No. 2. Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair:** Consideration and/or action on nominations for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Johnie McDow was elected to continue as Chair and William Bosch was elected to continue as Vice-Chair.

Motion: Reginna Agee                      Second: Sally Macias

Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0                                      Abstains: 0

Approved: Yes

**Agenda Item No. 3. TRAPS Central Region Conference:** Presentation of TRAPS Central Region Awards to the Schertz Parks & Recreation Department and Johnie McDow.

Ms. Shrum gave a presentation on the recent awards the department received at the TRAPS Central Region Conference. Cole Moody and Larry May won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Truck and Trailer and Ian King won 6<sup>th</sup> place in the backhoe competition at the Maintenance Rodeo. At the awards ceremony, Schertz took home the “Excellence in Maintenance” award for the work at the Wendy Swan Memorial Park Splash Pad, the “Photography” award for the Foam Party picture, and the “Individual of the Year” award for Johnie McDow.

**Agenda Item No. 4. Annual Report:** Review of the Annual Report

Ms. Paddock presented the FY22-23 Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report. She spoke on updates to the report ahead of the December council meeting to include information on Senior Center scans and memberships. Ms. Agee pointed out a spelling error in her first name in the report and Ms. Paddock said she would update that too. The board discussed future suggestions to add to the report including budget information and adding hours or years of service to the volunteer boards and committee members.

**Agenda Item No. 5. Hallie’s Cove Subdivision:** Discussion and/or action regarding an agreement to dedicate ROW in existing parkland in exchange for park improvements in the Hallie’s Cove subdivision.

Mrs. Shrum discussed a proposal from a developer to add lots to the existing Halle’s Cove subdivision and the need for secondary access through existing parkland. Due to the requirement for public benefit for loss of parkland, staff negotiated \$30,000 in cash to be provided for the ROW needed, plus the fees in-lieu-of parkland development that are required for the additional lots. Staff also negotiated a 55-foot-wide strip of land behind the lots to provide for a trail connection between the two existing park parcels which satisfies the parkland dedication requirements. The board recommended approval of the concept agreement and staff will take the item to City Council for approval.

Motion: Reginna Agee

Second: Robert Sheridan

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Approved: Yes

**Agenda Item No. 6. Parkland Donation:** Discussion and/or action regarding two possible land donations.

Mrs. Shrum spoke about the potential land donation by Robert Wallace. It is a 5.33-acre piece of property located across FM 1518 from 10 Commercial Place and is directly next to another piece of property owned by the city. Mrs. Shrum discussed the benefits of adding the open space to the Cibolo Creek Trail network. Mrs. Shrum also discussed an additional property in the same area that has a building that would need to be demolished at the city’s cost. There was general consensus for staff to continue their due diligence in investigating these properties and adding them to the trail network if costs did not outweigh their appraised value.

No action taken.

**Agenda Item No. 7. Community Circle Park:** Discussion and/or action regarding the Community Circle Park Master Plan renderings.

Mrs. Shrum presented the Community Circle Park renderings and discussed that she would be presenting this project to the EDC Board on December 14<sup>th</sup> to try to secure funding. The project will cost around 9 million dollars. Mrs. Shrum discussed other potential funding sources with the 2025 bond.

No action taken.

**Requests from Advisory Board for Future Agenda:** Mr. McDow requested that the SAYSAT Futsal court proposal be added to the January agenda.

**Announcements by Advisory Board Chairman and Members:** None

**Announcements by City Staff:**

- City and community events attended and to be attended.
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers
- Announcements by City Staff

**Adjournment:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Motion: Robert Sheridan

Second: Sally Macias

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Approved: Yes

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Chair/Vice-Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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Recording Secretary, City of Schertz