



Missouri City Parks Board

Jason Mangum, Director
Randy Troxell, Assistant Director
Kevin Browne, Recreation Superintendent
Barry Hamilton, Parks Superintendent
J.R. Atkins, Board Member
Claudia Iveth Garcia, Board Member
Diane Giltner, Board Member
Raj Joseph, Board Member
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Don Johnson, Board Member
Thomasine Johnson, Board Member
Leslie Mack, Jr., Board Member
Mary Ross, Board Member
Sharman McGilbert, Board Member
Brian Merchant, Board Member
Victoria Porter, Board Member
Buddy Snyder, Vice-Chair

PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Notice is hereby given of a **Parks Board Meeting** to be held on Thursday, February 6th, 2019, at **7:00 p.m.** at: **City Hall Council Chamber, 2nd floor**, 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas 77489, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items. All agenda items are subject to action. The Parks Board reserves the right to meet in a closed session on any agenda item should the need arise, and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

Attendees:

Board members in attendance: Diane Giltner, Don Johnson, Vice-Chair Buddy Snyder, Brian Merchant, Chairman Llarance Turner, Sharman McGilbert, Claudia Yvette Garcia, Leslie Mack Jr., Victoria Porter, Thomasine Johnson, Raj Joseph and Mary Ross.

Absent were: J.R. Atkins

Staff in Attendance: Parks Superintendent Barry Hamilton, Assistant Director Randy Troxell, Recreation Superintendent Kevin Browne, Assistant City Attorney James Santangelo, Administrative Assistant Sydney Andrews, Recreation Manager Julia Thompson, Recreation Specialist Allison Vickery and Recreation Specialist Adam Lofters.

Others in Attendance: Margo Webb and Billy Hill 3rd

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Board Member Raj Joseph introduced himself, a resident of Missouri City for 7.5 years and stated he is excited to be a part of Parks Board. Board Member Mary Ross introduced herself, a resident of Missouri City for 13 years and stated she can't wait to get to work. Recreation Specialist Allison Vickery of Senior Programs and Special Events was also introduced to the Parks Board.

3. PRESENT MARGO WEBB WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION EBONY GHEE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Chairman Turner presented Margo Webb with the Parks and Recreation Ebony Ghee Volunteer of the Year Award. Board Member Giltner gave a few words on behalf of Ms. Webb stating that Margo has been a great President for Missouri City Green. She has participated in Annual Recycling Events, Don't Mess with Texas Shred Offs, Water Conservations events and many more opportunities that enhance the quality life in Missouri City. Ms. Webb gratefully accepted the award.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2019 PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Member Merchant made a motion to approve the November 7, 2019 minutes. Board Member Giltner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **The motion passed.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Billy Hill 3rd of 2038 Green Crest Dr., President of Missouri City Little League, stated he was looking for an update on his organizations RSA to see if was being presented and approved. This item was moved to next month's agenda.

6. DISCUSSION OF A KITE FESTIVAL

Chairman Turner presented the Kite Festival item and turned it over to Vice-Chair Snyder to better explain his proposal of a Kite Festival. Vice-Chair Snyder referred to his proposal that was in agenda packet. Board Member Garcia made a suggestion to include Access Health, Texas Children's Health Plan, and Boys and Girls Club as sponsors for this event. Superintendent Browne commented MCTX Family Fest has similar events like flying and building kites. He stated that the department can incorporate Vice-Chair Snyder's ideas into MCTX Family Fest. MCTX Family Fest is scheduled for May 2nd, 2020 at Community Park from 4:00pm-7:00pm. The proposed park Vice-Chair Snyder mention (Independence Park) lacks the infrastructure needed to put on an event like this. Chairman Turner asked could the kite aspect of the event be highlighted more. Superintendent Browne answered yes it definitely can. Vice-Chair Snyder asked about being able to use the new boats at Community Park. Superintendent Browne stated they could be used at Community Park but, staff will not be certified until the end of May which will be after the event. Chairman Turner asked would the implementation of adding the kite aspect be able to be in this year MCTX Family Fest. Superintendent Browne answered yes. Board Member Garcia, Board Member Mack and Vice-Chair Snyder will be in charge of helping the department with enhancing the kite aspect of MCTX Family Fest. They will be contacting Recreation Specialist Daniele Stewart to talk more about the event. Board Member Porter commented on having a kite exhibit at this event. Board Member McGilbert mentioned having an advance kite flight demo class for people who attend the event.

7. STAFF REPORTS

a. Parks Projects: Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Randy Troxell

Assistant Director Troxell stated his report was in the agenda packet. There were no further questions. He gave updates on the signage project (referred to the packet for pictures), Roane Park's new addition to the playground, Mosley Park's added new sidewalk connection, the construction at American Legion Park, and The Freedom Tree Park Committee meeting with an architect to start planning designs for the park. Board Member T. Johnson, who is also a part of that committee commented on the committee trying to get Freedom Tree Park to connect to Community Park using a walking trail that will have historical significance going towards Freedom Tree Park.

b. Parks Operations: Parks Superintendent Barry Hamilton

Parks Superintendent stated his report was in the agenda packet. There were no further questions.

c. Recreation: Recreation Superintendent Kevin Browne

Recreation Superintendent Browne stated his report was in the agenda packet. There were no further questions. He did highlight upcoming events like Family Fun Night that is tomorrow on February 7th, the first Family Camp Out at Community Park on February 22nd, there will be a Park Clean-up also on February 22nd and that the department will be starting a new Chair Yoga Program on February 10th. Board Member D. Johnson asked will the gym be getting new equipment. Recreation Specialist Lofters answered yes the Recreation Center will be replacing and adding new equipment to the gym.

8. BOARD REPORTS

Board Member T. Johnson wanted to thank Parks Superintendent Hamilton for helping to decorate the float for the Snow Fest Parade. Board Member Giltner thanked Board Member T. Johnson for having the vision for the float. Board Member T. Johnson also wanted to

thank Recreation Manager Thompson for having presence at the Farmers Market. She also is trying to set up an art show and bike meet for future Farmers Markets. Chairman Turner had the opportunity to go to Black History Month Event and praised the Parks and Recreation Department on a job well done and thanked the department for the hard work they do. Board Member Giltner commented on how great Snow Fest was and to keep up the good work.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The next agenda will include an update on the Veterans Memorial Project, update on The Outdoor Art Policy, RSA approvals, a presentation of the process of a Parkland Dedication, Considering the Vrindavan Resort Parkland Dedication and an update on the Parks Foundation.

10. ADJOURN

With no further items to discuss, Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.