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### Missouri City Parks Board

Jason Mangum, Director  
TW Dieckmann, 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  
Llarance Turner, Chairman

Don Johnson, Board Member  
Thomasine Johnson, Board Member  
Leslie Mack, Jr., Board Member  
Mary Ross, Board Member  
Susan Dierker, Board Member  
Brian Merchant, Board Member  
Victoria Porter, Board Member  
Buddy Snyder, Vice-Chair

## PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

Notice is hereby given of a **Parks Board Meeting** to be held on **Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** at: City Hall Council Chamber, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Due to the COVID 19 Disaster and the Center for Disease Control's recommendation regarding social distancing measures, the Parks Board members, City Staff members, and members of the public were not physically present during this meeting. The meeting was made possible through the cloud-based video conferencing platform Zoom.

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### NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Due to the COVID 19 Disaster and the Center for Disease Control's recommendation regarding social distancing measures, the public will not be allowed to be physically present at this meeting.

The meeting will be available to members of the public and allow for two-way communications for those desiring to participate. Any person interested in speaking on any item on the agenda must notify the City by one of the following methods **before 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Parks Board meeting**:

1. Email or call the Parks and Recreation Department at [Julia.Thompson@Missouricitytx.gov](mailto:Julia.Thompson@Missouricitytx.gov) or 281-403-8651; or,
2. Submit a "Public Comment Form" to the Parks and Recreation Department from the following webpage: <https://bit.ly/39pw73Q>.

**The request must include the speaker's name, address, email address, phone number and the agenda item number.**

To livestream the meeting, the public may access the following link:  
<https://www.missouricitytx.gov/780/MCTV>.

To access the meeting agenda packet in PDF format, the public may access the following link:  
<https://www.missouricitytx.gov/812/Parks-Board>.

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**Attendees:** Diane Giltner, Don Johnson, Vice-Chair Buddy Snyder, Brian Merchant, Chairman Llarance Turner, Victoria Porter, Leslie Mack Jr, Claudia Yvette Garcia, Susan Dierker, J.R. Atkins, and Mary Ross  
**Absent were:** Raj Joseph, and Thomasine Johnson

**Staff in Attendance:** Director Jason Mangum, Assistant Director TW Dieckmann, Parks Superintendent Barry Hamilton, Recreation Superintendent Kevin Browne, Recreation Manager Julia Thompson, MCTV Producer Douglas Penalba, and Assistant City Attorney James Santangelo.

**Others in Attendance:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2020 PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board Member Atkins made a motion to approve the December 3, 2020 minutes. Board Member Dierker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. **The motion passed.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**4. INTRODUCTION OF CITY MANAGER ODIS JONES**

Chairman Turner stated Mr. Jones was unable to attend and will introduce himself at a future meeting.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Parks Projects: Director Jason Mangum**

Director Mangum stated that he is currently working on updating the Master Plan and that a consultant has been selected. The last Master Plan was created in 2015 and the goal is to update the plan every 5-7 years to continue to meet the needs of the residents. Master plan are what guide annual goals and objectives for the department. Public input sessions will be coming as part of the update process. The department will be working with Public Works on drainage related projects, specifically including shoreline stabilization at Buffalo Run Park and American Legion Park in the coming year. Director Mangum stated that he met with Board Member Atkins to discuss project ideas and possible partnerships with First Colony HOA. Director Mangum also stated that the department is currently working on replacing playgrounds at Hunters Trail and Community Park. The old structure at Community Park is being replaced to match the new additions. The equipment has been purchased and will be installed shortly. The department is also working with public works to build a new maintenance shop. The current facility was an old fire station and condemned. Plans will be presented to Parks Board before being taken to Council. Signage replacement projects are to continue with two new signs in the coming year.

**b. Parks Operations: Parks Superintendent Barry Hamilton**

Superintendent Hamilton stated that project updates are included in the agenda packet and that it was a standard month with regular activities.

**c. Recreation: Recreation Superintendent Kevin Browne**

Superintendent Browne had some technical difficulties. Director Mangum stated that we are currently operating with restrictions due to COVID guidelines. Staff continued to be creative with self-lead activities including deciphering a secret code at Buffalo Run Park and a decorate your own gingerbread house competition.

Superintendent Browne stated November and December reports are in the packet. The department is continuing to offer virtual and outdoor options in parks. A trout fishing competition for golden trout at American Legion Park is taking place now through the end of the month. The department has started to offer esports tournaments- virtual video game tournaments taking place throughout the spring. The Parks Ambassador Program has begun and anyone interested in getting involved in the program can contact Allison Vickery for additional information.

Board Member Iveth Garcia applauded the efforts of staff.

Board Member Johnson gave kudos to front desk staff at the Recreation & Tennis Center for their friendly greetings and making conversation with visitors.

**6. DIRECTORS REPORT**

***Parks and Recreation Director: Jason Mangum***

Director Mangum stated that the Veterans Memorial award to construct was completed at a Council meeting in December. The funding is complete and the Parks Foundation will be doing another brick drive. The pre-construction meeting is set for next week with construction to begin soon. Director Mangum stated that the Veterans Memorial will be a great way to honor veterans in Missouri City. Introduced Assistant Director TW Dieckmann who joins the department from Vista, California.

Assistant Director Dieckmann introduced himself and stated that he spent the last five years in California and worked to get back to Texas to be closer to family. He stated that he is very happy to be here serving Missouri City and invited board members to stop by his office at the Recreation & Tennis Center to meet.

Vice-Chair Snyder asked for a status update for the Arts Commission. Director Mangum stated there will be some changes to the Arts Commission with adding additional responsibilities that will be brought to Council for approval.

**7. BOARD REPORTS**

There were no board reports.

**8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

There were no items for the next agenda.

**9. ADJOURN**

With no further items to discuss, Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

**In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Missouri City will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending Parks Board meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 24 hours prior to meetings. Please contact Maria Jackson, City Secretary, at 281.403.8686.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that a copy of the January 7th, 2021 agenda of items to be considered by the Missouri City Parks Board was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on January 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

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Yomara Frias  
City Secretary Department

I certify that the attached notice was removed by me from the City Hall bulletin board on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_