



Missouri City Parks Board

Jason Mangum, Director
T.W. Dieckmann, Assistant Director
Kevin Browne, Recreation Superintendent
Barry Hamilton, Parks Superintendent
J.R. Atkins, Board Member
Diane Giltner, Board Member
Raj Joseph, Board Member
Larance 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
Claudia Iveth Garcia, Board Member
Buddy Snyder, Vice-Chair

PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

Notice is hereby given of a **Parks Board Meeting** to be held on **Thursday, May 6, 2021, 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.

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.

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 Kelley.Barnard@Missouricitytx.gov or 281-403-8638; 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>.

Attendees: Chairman Llarance Turner, Vice-Chair Buddy Snyder, Diane Giltner, Don Johnson, Susan Dierker, Thomasine Johnson, Raj Joseph, J.R. Atkins, Mary Ross, and Leslie Mack Jr

Absent were: Brian Merchant (Excused), Claudia Iveth Garcia (Excused)

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

Others in Attendance: Hunter Rush and Emily Gunderson from MHS Planning

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 1, 2021 PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Member J.R. Atkins made a motion to approve the April 1, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chair Buddy Snyder. The vote was unanimous. **The motion passed.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SURVEY AND PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Hunter Rush with MHS Planning shared Focus Group findings. Thomasine Johnson suggested the terms be clarified for the public. Master Plan Goals were discussed and Director Jason Mangum suggested a focus on education be added to the Natural Open Space goal. Other suggestions from the board included a dog park, neighborhood partnerships for pools, and improvements to community outreach regarding programming. MHS Planning's recommendations for several parks in the area were also reviewed. Hunter Rush and Emily Gunderson will update the master plan based on Board feedback and return in August with a draft for review and approval.

5. CONSIDER RETURNING TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

The board decided to hold their first in-person meeting in August.

6. CONSIDER RIDGEVIEW SPLASHPAD PROPOSAL

Total cost: \$870,000, with HOA contributing \$750,000. Director Mangum proposed asking City Council to fund the remaining \$120,000. Vice-Chair Buddy Snyder made a motion to approve the proposal. Seconded by Board Member J.R. Atkins. The vote was unanimous. **The motion passed.**

7. STAFF REPORTS

a. Parks Projects: Parks and Recreation Assistant Director TW Dieckmann

Assistant Director Dieckmann stated that the Freedom Tree Park Committee will reconvene later this month. Assistant Director Dieckmann also stated that: bank erosion control is being contracted for American Legion and Buffalo Run parks; new playgrounds went in at Community and Hunter's Trail Parks; Community Park and Sta-Mo Complex had infield reconditioning; decomposed granite is being installed at Independence Park; and Bike Repair Stations will be installed at Moseley Park and the Edible Arbor Trail (near Cartwright).

b. Parks Operations: Parks Superintendent Barry Hamilton

Superintendent Hamilton stated that this month was business as usual.

c. Recreation: Recreation Superintendent Kevin Browne

Superintendent Browne stated that a [Community Build Day](#) will be held on Saturday, May 8 at the Recreation Center's new Sensory Garden. Vice-Chair Buddy Snyder suggested bricks be sold for the Garden similar to the Veteran's Memorial.

Other Upcoming Events include:

5/14	6:30PM	Community Park	Friday Night Flicks
5/15	9:00AM	Buffalo Run Park	Kayaking Workshop
5/22	4:00PM	Community Center	Dad & Daughter Dance

5. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director: Jason Mangum

- a. Director Mangum introduced the newly hired Parks and Recreation Office Manager, Kelley Barnard.
- b. Director Mangum shared an update on the CAPRA accreditation. Missouri City's Parks and Recreation Department scored 100% on all 154 national standards. To his knowledge no City Department has ever received 100% on every national standard on their first try. Accreditation will be awarded at the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) National Conference this September. Missouri City will be the fourth accredited parks department in the Houston Metropolitan area.

6. BOARD REPORTS

There were no board reports.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. Board Member Thomasina Johnson suggested Randy Troxell be invited to the August meeting to give him a proper in-person send off into retirement.
- b. Board Member Leslie Mack Jr. suggested MCPD and Parks Staff provide an assessment of security for all parks.

8. ADJOURN

With no further items to discuss, Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

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