

**Bastrop Parks and
Public Tree Advisory Board Meeting**
Bastrop City Hall
City Council Chambers
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
(512) 332-8800



AGENDA – April 4, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **STAFF AND BOARD BRIEFINGS**
 - 2A. Parks and Recreation Report
 - 2B. Bastrop State Park Report
 - 2C. Bastrop YMCA Report
 - 2D. Youth Parks Activity Committee (YPAC) Report
 - 2E. Bird City Coalition
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Board, please submit a fully completed request card to the Board chairperson prior to the beginning of the meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, city Boards cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, city Boards are limited to making a statement of specific information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to city staff for research and possible future action.

It is not the intention of the City of Bastrop to provide a public forum for the embarrassment or demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Board to allow a member of the public to slur the performance, honesty, and/or integrity of the Board, as a body or any member or members of the Board, individually or collectively, nor any members of the city's staff.

Accordingly, profane, insulting, or threatening language directed toward the Board and/or any person in the Board's presence will not be tolerated.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

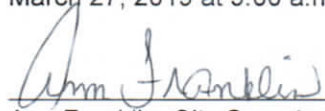
- 4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the March 7, 2019 regular meeting.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5A. Discussion and consider action on a recommendation by the Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board to the City Council for a resolution declaring May 11, 2019 as World Migratory Bird Day.

6. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting is posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place of convenience that is readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, www.cityofbastrop.org. Said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. and will remain posted for at least two hours after said meeting is convened.



Ann Franklin, City Secretary



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 2A

TITLE:

Parks and Recreation Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

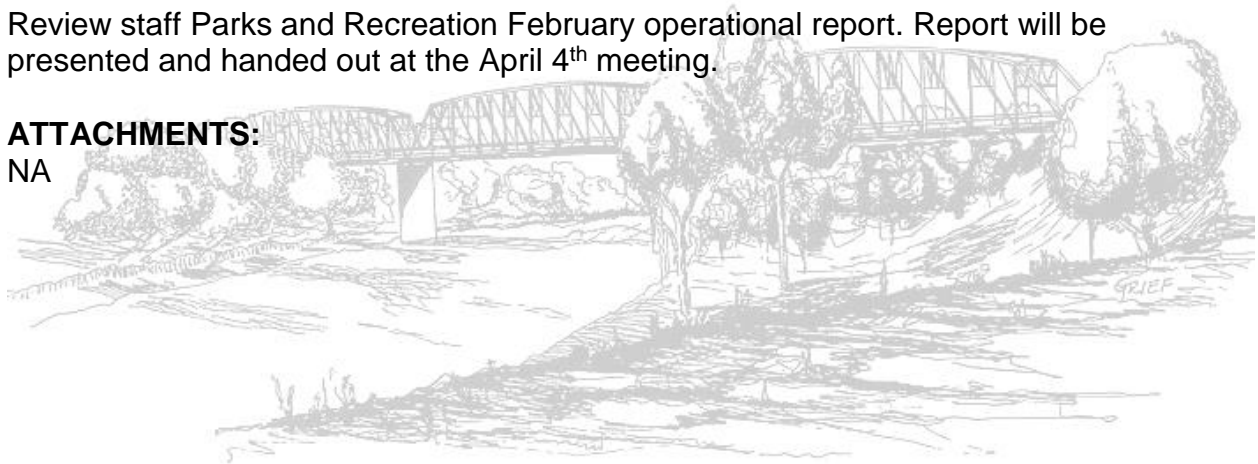
David Junek, Parks & Recreation Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION:

Review staff Parks and Recreation February operational report. Report will be presented and handed out at the April 4th meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

NA





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 2B

TITLE:

Bastrop State Park Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Jamie Creacy, Park Superintendent, Lost Pines State Park Complex

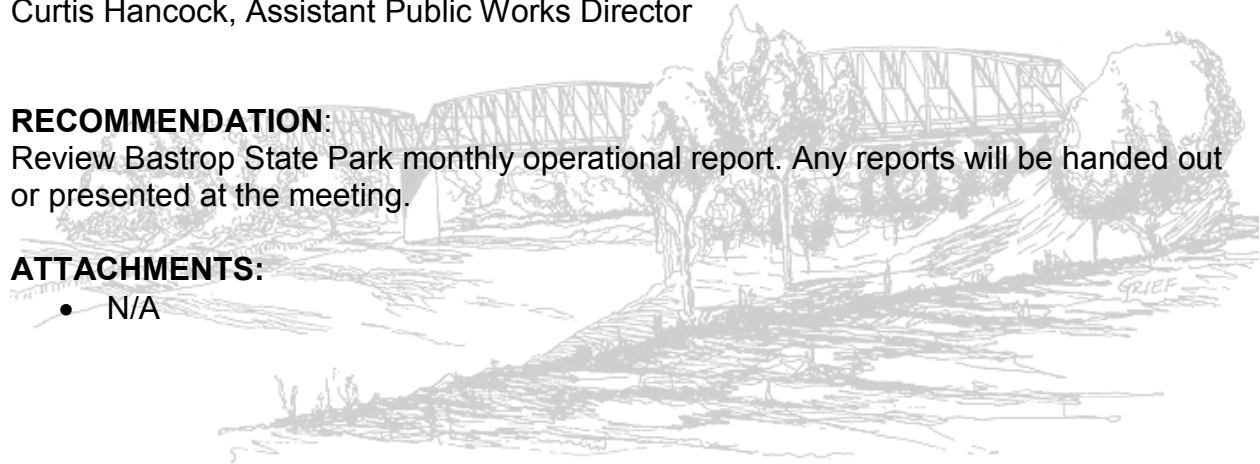
Curtis Hancock, Assistant Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Bastrop State Park monthly operational report. Any reports will be handed out or presented at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- N/A





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 2C

TITLE:

Bastrop YMCA Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

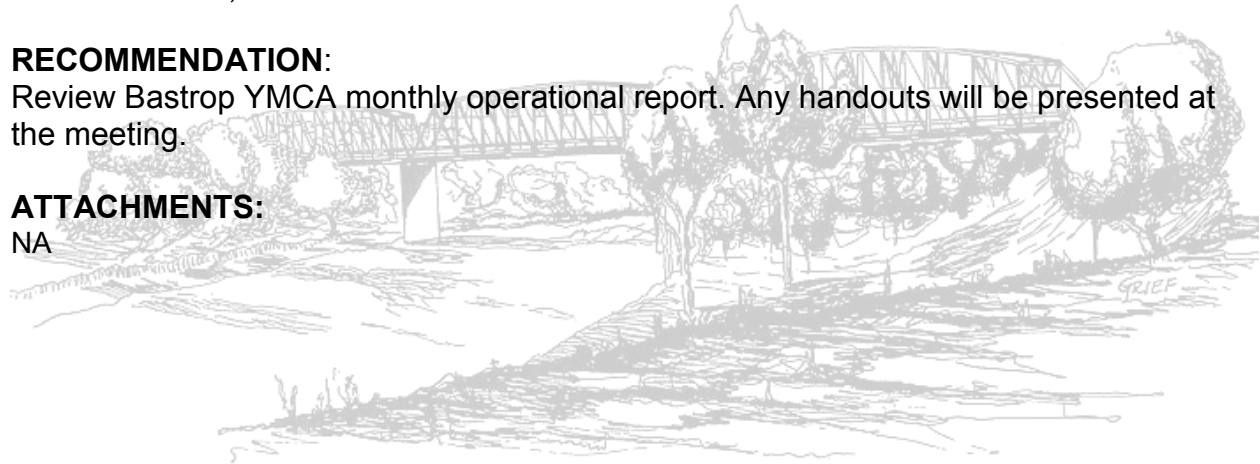
Terry Moore, Executive Director, YMCA of Austin Bastrop Branch
Curtis Hancock, Assistant Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Bastrop YMCA monthly operational report. Any handouts will be presented at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

NA





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 2D

TITLE:

Youth Parks Activity Committee (YPAC) Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

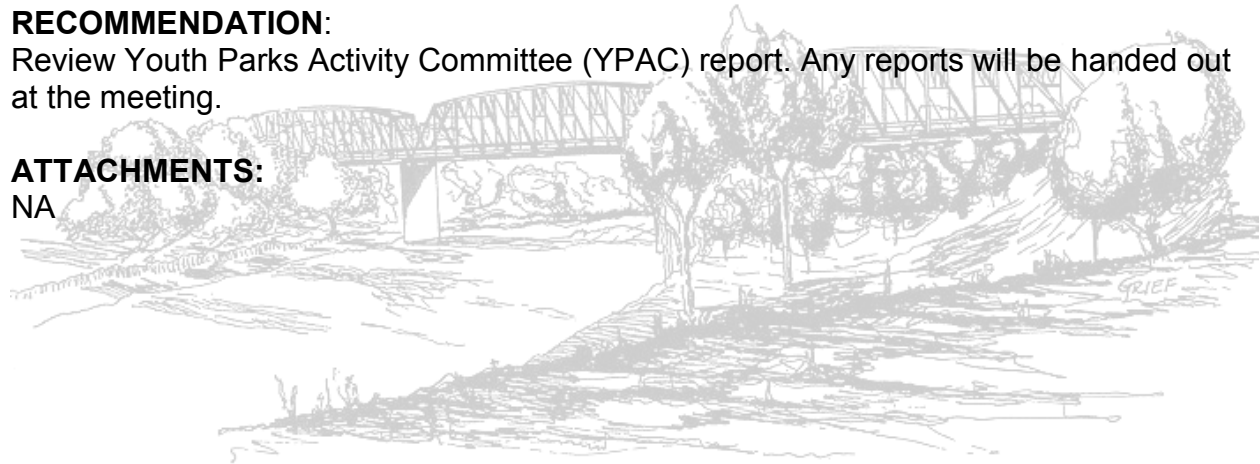
Trey Job, Managing Director of Public Works & Leisure Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Review Youth Parks Activity Committee (YPAC) report. Any reports will be handed out at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

NA





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 2E

TITLE:

Bird City Coalition

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

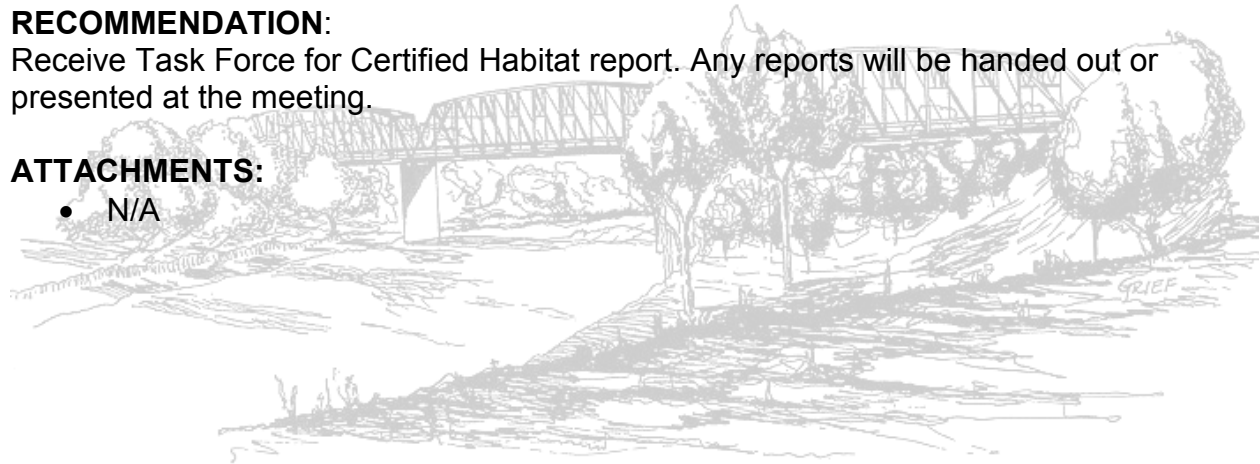
Dorothy Skarnulis, Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board Member
Curtis Hancock, Assistant Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Task Force for Certified Habitat report. Any reports will be handed out or presented at the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- N/A





STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 4A

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the March 7, 2019 regular meeting.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Betty Rucker, Secretary, Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board
Curtis Hancock, Assistant Public Works Director

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Section 551.021 of the Government Code provides as follows:

- (a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a tape recording of each open meeting of the body.
- (b) The minutes must:
 - 1. State the subject of each deliberation; and
 - 2. Indicate the vote, order, decision, or other action taken.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve, amend, or correct the minutes of the March 7, 2019 Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

March 7th DRAFT Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

March 7, 2019

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Josh Gordon, Betty Rucker, Kelly Dawson, Dorothy Skarnulis, Barbara Wolanski, Jimmy Crouch, Jamie Creacy, and guest new member Margaret Robinson. Staff present were Curtis Hancock, Heather Ambrose and YMCA Director Terry Moore.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Chair Josh Gordon called the meeting to order with a quorum being present. Youth Board Member Allison Hewitt was absent. Councilman Liaison Lyle Nelson was not in attendance.

2. STAFF AND BOARD BRIEFINGS

- 2A. Parks and Recreation Report
Presentation was made by Assistant Public Works Director Curtis Hancock on behalf of Parks Superintendent David Junek.
- 2B. Bastrop State Park Report
Presentation was made by Board Member Jamie Creacy, Bastrop State Park Superintendent.
- 2C. Bastrop YMCA Report
Presentation was made by Bastrop YMCA Director Terry Moore.
- 2D. Youth Parks Activity Committee (YPAC) Report
Youth Representative Allison Hewitt was not in attendance and no written report was provided.
- 2E. Task Force for Certified Habitat
Presentation was made by Board Member Dorothy Skarnulis related to the Bird City Texas decision.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Susan Leslie, Bastrop County Audubon Society, commented regarding the Bird City Texas decision.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the February 7, 2019 regular meeting.

Barbara Wolanski made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kelly Dawson and approved on a 6 to 0 vote.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5A. Discussion concerning an updated sidewalk map and any future repairs, replacements, and construction.

Presentation was made by Assistant Public Works Director Curtis Hancock, a map was provided, and discussion was held.

- 5B. Discussion concerning the State Park trail including possible schedule for proposed work and status of funding.
Presentation was given by Assistant Public Works Director Curtis Hancock.
- 5C. Discussion concerning an update on the Wheeled Sports Plaza (Skate Park).
Presentation was made by Assistant Public works Director Curtis Hancock; no updates at this time.
- 5D. Discussion concerning the Old Iron Bridge future possible repairs and schedule and consider action for the creation of an information card to be placed at the locked entrance gate.
Presentation was made by Assistant Public Works Director, Curtis Hancock. No update at this time. No action taken.
- 5E. Discussion and consider action on recommendations for designating and marking bike lanes/paths in town.
Board Member Jimmy Crouch explained this agenda item. Discussion was held, and no action was taken.
- 5F. Consider action related to the City of Bastrop's Bird City Texas certification status and future steps to be taken.
Motion was made by Dorothy Skarnulis to change the name of the group working toward this status to "Bird City Coalition" and to continue with 2020 certification process, motion was seconded by Jimmy Crouch. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.
- 5G. Discussion concerning the status of the Youth Member for the Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board.
No updates from the Youth Advisory Group. Parks Board President Josh Gordon stated he had a contact that is interested; the Committee instructed him to have him complete an application.
- 5H. Consider action on the nomination and election of the Chair for the Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board.
A motion was made by Parks Board Member Betty Rucker to nominate Jimmy Crouch as the new Chair for the Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Barbara Wolanski. Motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Adjourned at 7:25 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jimmy Crouch, Chair

Betty Rucker, Secretary



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 5A

TITLE:

Discussion and consider action on a recommendation by the Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board to the City Council for a resolution declaring May 11, 2019 as World Migratory Bird Day.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

David Junek, Parks Superintendent
Dorothy Skarnulis, Board Member

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

In February 2019, the City of Bastrop was invited, as one of five (5) pilot communities, to be in the 2020 inaugural class of Bird City Texas communities. There will be several tasks and events that will be required in the future related to this certification process.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

The Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board serves in an advisory role to the City Council and may make recommendations for actions to be considered.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider action on a recommendation by the Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board to the City Council for a resolution declaring May 11, 2019 as World Migratory Bird Day.

ATTACHMENTS:

Sample resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS RECOGNIZING MAY 11, 2019 AS WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY AND AUTHORIZING THE BIRD CITY COALITION AND APPROPRIATE CITY STAFF TO CONTINUE PURSUIT OF CERTIFICATION IN THE TEXAS "BIRD CITY" PROGRAM.

Whereas, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities; and

Whereas, most citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring; and

Whereas, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; and

Whereas, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes; and

Whereas, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation; and

Whereas, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining health bird populations; and

Whereas, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (formerly International Migratory Bird Day) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S.; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

Whereas, while WMBD officially is held each year on the second Saturday in May, its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and celebrants; and

Whereas, WMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

Section 1: That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bastrop recognize Saturday, May 11, 2019 as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Bastrop and encourage all city residents to celebrate their role as stewards of bird habitat.

Section 2: All orders, ordinances, and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so resolved.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this XXXth day of April, 2019.

APPROVED:

Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney