

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

October 3, 2019

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Bastrop Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, TX 78602. Members present were President Jimmy Couch, Vice-Chair Barbara Wolanski, Betty Rucker, Kelly Dawson, and Dorothy Skarnulis. Staff present were David Junek, Curtis Hancock, Heather Ambrose, Assistant City Manager Trey Job, Assistant City Manager James Altgelt, YMCA Director Terry Moore and Council Liaison Dock Jackson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Jimmy Crouch called the meeting to order with a quorum being present. Board Member Margaret Robinson, Jamie Creacy and Youth Advisory member Saray Colmenero were not in attendance.

2. STAFF AND BOARD BRIEFINGS

2A. Parks and Recreation Report

Presentation was made by Parks Superintendent David Junek. Handouts of the month's operational report were distributed.

2B. Bastrop State Park Report

Board Member Jamie Creacy was not in attendance.

2C. Bastrop YMCA Report

Presentation was made by YMCA Director Terry Moore.

2D. Youth Member Report

Saray Colmenero was not in attendance and had submitted a letter of her resignation from the Parks Board due to schoolwork.

2E. Bird City Coalition Report

Presentation was made by Dorothy Skarnulis.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the September 5, 2019 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Board Member Kelly Dawson and seconded by Board Member Barbara Wolanski. Approved on a 5-0 vote.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. **Discussion and consider action related to recommended revisions to the City of Bastrop Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Article 1.10 PARKS pertaining to prohibited activities such as jumping, diving, wading into waterways and swimming or wading in the Colorado River.**

Discussion was held between Board Members and Assistant City Managers James Altgelt and Trey Job. Mr. Job and Mr. Altgelt expressed their concerns about removal of the prohibition on swimming and wading due to unknown water currents and river levels with the potential for drowning that increases when combined with intoxication.

Motion was made by Board Member Barbara Wolanski to resubmit the ordinance to the City Attorney for his opinion and proceed with his decision as to whether the prohibition can be removed or needs to remain. Seconded by Board Member Kelly Dawson. Approved on a 5-0 vote.

5B. **Discussion and update on the status of Bastrop Wheeled Sports Complex.**

Presentation was made by Assistant Public Works Director Curtis Hancock advising that the City Council has approved the process for Phase 1 to begin.

5C. **Discussion and update on the status of planned and proposed sidewalks and trails.**

Assistant Public Works Director Curtis Hancock gave a brief update on the progress and reported that he must attend a training through TXDOT for inspecting the sidewalks.

5D. **Discussion and update on the status of Old Iron Bridge Renovations.**

Discussion was led by Assistant City Manager Trey Job advising that the engineering report states there is approximately \$12 million in damage to the iconic bridge and funding sources for the repairs are being sought out.

5E. **Discussion and consider action related to proposed combined use of the Fisherman's Park Basketball court as a Pickleball court.**

Assistant Public Works Director Curtis Hancock discussed the requirements of pickleball courts and the problems resulting from more people wanting to play than there are courts to accommodate. Assistant City Manager Trey Job explained that the concern with using the basketball courts as pickleball courts is that is not the "intended use".

Motion was made by Board Member Barbara Wolanski to have a future workshop to discuss allowing tennis and basketball courts as multi-use amenities. Motion was seconded by Board Member Kelly Dawson. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Kelly Dawson made the motion to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m. and carried without objection.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Chair, Jimmy Crouch



Secretary, Betty Rucker
