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

November 4, 2021, Workshop at 4:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting Held in Fisherman’s Park at 6:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SPECIAL WORKSHOP AGENDA
   2A. Parks Board will begin at Bastrop City Hall and travel to each City Park, starting at Kerr Park and finishing at Fisherman’s Park. Please see attached Map.
3. STAFF AND BOARD BRIEFINGS
   3A. Parks and Recreation Report
   3B. Bastrop State Park Report
   3C. Recreation Report
   3D. Bird City Coalition Report
   3E. Council Liaison Report

Bastrop Parks Board and Public Tree Advisory Board Agenda November 4, 2021
4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the October 7, 2021 regular meeting.

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

6A. Update and discuss Disc Golf in Bob Bryant Park

6B. Update and discuss the signs for new trail named after Mrs. Dorothy Skarnulis

6C. Update and discuss Master Gardeners in Bob Bryant Park

6D. Update and discuss Christmas Lights

7. Updates

7A. Invitation for input from Board Members related to issues for possible inclusion on the next meeting agenda.

8. 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, October 27, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. and will remain posted for at least two hours after said meeting is convened.

[Signature]
Victoria Psencik, Deputy City Secretary
MEETING DATE: November 4, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 2A

TITLE:
Parks and Recreation Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Curtis Hancock, Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION:
Parks Board will hold a workshop at which time the Board will travel to each City Park. There is a list and map attached to show the route, starting at #1 Kerr Community Park and ending at #11 Fisherman’s Park.

ATTACHMENTS:
- City Park List
- Map of City Parks
City of Bastrop Parks

1. **Kerr Community Park** – Location: 1308 Walnut – 1.39 acres. This park sits adjacent to the Kerr Community Center. Has a covered pavilion (50’ x 35’), playground, swings (4), basketball court, BBQ pits (4), picnic tables (5), benches (5).

2. **Fireman’s Park** – Location: 600 Hill - 2.54 acres. Lighted Baseball/Softball field can be rented out. Has bleachers (5), electronic scoreboard, portable toilets (2).

3. **Ferry Park** is a small pocket park that connect to the June Hill Riverwalk Trail. Location: 502 Water street – 0.5 acres. Has a playground, swing set, gazebo, picnic tables (6), swinging bench, portable toilet.

4. **Mayfest Park** - Location: 25 American Legion dr. – 26.74 acres. Primarily used for rodeos and large events. The city holds, “Open Ride” at the arena every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Citizens and friends have access to the arena from 9am to 10pm free of charge. Lighted rodeo arena, covered show barn, concession area, ticket booth, small BBQ pits (2), picnic tables (3), restroom facilities.

5. **Jewell Hodges Park** is a small pocket park. – Location: 1200 Linden – 1.0 acre. Has swings (2), spring saw ride, picnic tables (2), small BBQ pits (2), portable toilet.


7. **Bark Park** – Location: 401 Grady Tuck – 1.91 acres. Has a small and large dog play area, benches, dog shower station, dog waste stations (2)

8. **Bob Bryant Park** – Location: 600 Charles Blvd. – 22.8 acres. Has a covered pavilion (50’ x 40’), nature trail (0.5 miles) scenic overlook of Colorado river, canoe dock, fishing pier, picnic tables (9) BBQ pits (5), sand volleyball court, tennis court, multi-purpose field with soccer goals & backstop, playground area, benches, basketball court, restroom facilities.

9. **Hunters Crossing Park** – Location: 301 Hunters Crossing Blvd. – 6.60 acres. Has 2 playgrounds (small & large set), swings (4), gazebo, outlook & fishing pier, pond, picnic tables (6), BBQ pit, half-court basketball court, pavilion, picnic tables (4) baseball field, bike racks (2), Restroom (limited access to public).

10. **Dorothy Skarnulis Nature Trail** – Location: Pecan Park Subdivision – 34 acres. Has three trail heads (entrance), gathering areas with picnic tables (3), pet waste stations (2).

11. **Fisherman’s Park** – Location: 1200 Willow/400 farm – 20 acres. It is Bastrop’s most popular park and has a connection to the Bastrop Public Library. It is also a starting point for the El Camino Real Paddling trail and June Pape Riverwalk. Has two pavilions (30’ x 60’ & 30’ x 16’) fenced playground area with swing set, bench swing (3), splash pad, skate park, boat ramp, fishing pier. Picnic tables (21). Small BBQ pits (12), large 100-gallon BBQ pit, sand volleyball, basketball courts (2), tennis courts, multi-purpose field with soccer goals & backstop, drinking fountains (2).

12. **June Hill Pape Riverwalk** – Approximately 0.5 miles of trail, picnic tables (4), scenic overlooks/ fishing piers (3).
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TITLE:   
Parks and Recreation Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:   
Thomas Martinez, Crew Leader Parks & Recreation
Curtis Hancock, Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION:   
Review staff Parks and Recreation October operational report. Report will be in the agenda packet.

ATTACHMENTS:   
  • Parks operational update
Parks

- Staff performed cleaning along the Riverwalk
- Removed more graffiti at Wheeled Sports Plaza and Riverwalk
- Removed vines of fencing at Little League fields
- Assisted with Movies in the Park
- Started cutting and clearing wood debris and small trees at Bob Bryant for the Disc Golf Course
- Assisted with traffic control for the BHS parade
- Pruned trees at the Dog Park
- Treated for ants in Parks and Little League
- Re-stained signs at Fireman’s Park
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AGENDA ITEM: 3B

TITLE:
Bastrop State Park Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Jamie Creacy, Park Superintendent, Lost Pines State Park Complex
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:
Review Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

ATTACHMENTS:
- Bastrop State Park Operational Update
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AGENDA ITEM: 3C

TITLE:
Bastrop Recreation Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Terry Moore, Bastrop Recreation
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
N/A
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AGENDA ITEM:  3D

TITLE:
Bird City Coalition Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Kerry Fossler, Board Member
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
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AGENDA ITEM: 3E

TITLE:
Council Liaison Report

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Dock Jackson, Council Liaison
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

RECOMMENDATION:
Review Council Liaison March report and/or comments.

ATTACHMENTS:
N/A
MEETING DATE: November 4, 2021  
AGENDA ITEM: 5A

TITLE:
Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the October 7, 2021 regular meeting.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Sandy Holder, Public Works Technician
Curtis Hancock, 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 October 7, 2021 Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board.

ATTACHMENTS:
- October 7th DRAFT Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes
The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 7th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Barbara Wolanski, Betty Rucker, Jamie Creacy, Kerry Fossler and new Board Member Steven Fobert. Absent were Board Members Margaret Robinson, Sarah Rooney and Liaison Councilman Dock Jackson. Staff present were Curtis Hancock, Thomas Martinez and Terry Moore.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   At 6:00 p.m. Chair Barbara Wolanski called the meeting to order.

2. **STAFF, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

2A. **Parks and Recreation Report**
   Report was given by staff Thomas Martinez.

2B. **Bastrop State Park Report**
   Report was given by Board Member Jamie Creacy.

2C. **Recreation Report**
   Report was given by staff Terry Moore.

2D. **Bird City Coalition Report**
   Report was given by Board Member Kerry Fossler.

2E. **Council Liaison Report**
   No report was given.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   There were no citizen comments.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the September 2nd regular meeting.
   Motion was made by Board Member Jamie Creacy and seconded by Board Member Betty Rucker. Vote was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

5A. **Update and discuss the Disc Golf in Bob Bryant Park.**
   Public Works Director Curtis Hancock gave an update. New work day is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th at 7:00am at Bob Bryant Park.

5B. **Update and discuss the Birding Blind in Bob Bryant Park.**
   Public Works Director Curtis Hancock & Secretary Kerry Fossler gave an update.
5C. Update and discuss Purple Martin Houses in Bob Bryant.
Public Works Director Curtis Hancock & Secretary Kerry Fossler gave an update.

5D. Update and discuss the naming of new trail after Mrs. Dorothy Skarnulis.
Public Works Director Curtis Hancock gave an update.

5E. Update and Rodeo Arena
Public Works Director Curtis Hancock gave an update.

6. UPDATES

6A. Invitation for input from Board Members related to issues for possible inclusion on the next meeting agenda.
Public Works Director Curtis Hancock gathered the topics – everything from this agenda plus Christmas Lights in the Park, the Bastrop County Master Gardeners moving to Bob Bryant Park, adding a Youth Member to the Parks Board, and reviving the “Friends of the Parks” for mobilizing volunteers and gathering donations for projects.

7. ADJOURNMENT
Board Member Betty Rucker made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Secretary Kerry Fossler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:   ATTEST:

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Chair, Barbara Wolanski                        Public Works Director, Curtis Hancock
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AGENDA ITEM: 6A

TITLE:
Update and discuss the Disc Golf in Bob Bryant

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:
On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, City Council approved the donation from Lost Pines Alliance Disc Golf Club for eighteen (18) disc golf baskets to installed in Bob Bryant Park.

Thomas had scheduled a workday for Saturday, October 9th to clean the area and layout the course.

Lost Pine Disc Golf Club has all the sponsor for the Veteran Basket

Lost Pines Disc Golf Club has recommended naming the course “Bird City Disc Golf Course”.

Please see the attached map of the course.

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 as related to the parks.

FUNDING SOURCE:
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:
N/A
MEETING DATE:   November 4, 2021

AGENDA ITEM:  6B

TITLE:
Update and discuss naming the new trail located in Pecan Park in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Skarnulis

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:
Dorothy Skarnulis was an amazing person that cared very much for the community of Bastrop. She co-founded Keep Bastrop County Beautiful, worked on the Bastrop County Child Welfare Board, served on the Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board, was the driving force to Bastrop being designated Bird City Texas (one of only four in the state), named Woman of the Year by the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce in 2013, and was a certified Master Gardener. These are only a few of the many things that Mrs. Skarnulis did for the community. Her dedication, enthusiasm, and passion for all of these has made Bastrop a better place.

On July 26, 2020, Mrs. Skarnulis passed away after she lost her battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed by this community. Because of Dorothy’s many contributions, The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board wanted to honor her in a way that her countless hours of community service will be remembered. At the September 3, 2020 meeting, the board unanimously voted to recommend to the Bastrop City Council that the new trail to be located in the new Pecan Park subdivision be named in memory of Mrs. Skarnulis.

At the October 13, 2020 City Council meeting, Council approved Resolution No. R-2020-106, naming the new trail located in Pecan Park after Mrs. Dorothy Sharnulis.

POLICY EXPLANATION:
N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:
Parks Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS:
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AGENDA ITEM:  6C

TITLE:  
Update and discuss about the Master Gardeners moving to Bob Bryant Park

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:  
Kerry Fossler, Board Member  
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:  
The City of Bastrop has offered an area in the front of Bob Bryant Park to the Master Gardeners to move the community gardens.

On Sunday, October 10th, the Master Gardeners moved in Four (4) beds.

POLICY EXPLANATION:  
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FUNDING SOURCE:  
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:  
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:  
N/A
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AGENDA ITEM: 6D

TITLE:
Update and discuss about the Christmas Lights

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:
Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:
The City of Bastrop Holiday lighting and decoration, installation, and maintenance.

POLICY EXPLANATION:
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FUNDING SOURCE:

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS: