

**THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
MINUTE RECORD OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Following notice and publication, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting at 3:30 p.m., **February 28, 2019** in the South Meeting Room, McNease Convention Center, 501 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Board Members Present were Laurie Dicello, Kenneth Dierschke, Edward Dotson, Steve Hampton, Jon Mark Hogg, Francis Jelensperger, Allison Watkins, and Debbie Wilson.

Staff Members Present were Brent Casey, Roger Havlak, Mike Hitchcock, Carl White, and minutes recorded by Ina Gray.

I. OPEN SESSION (3:30 P.M.)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jelensperger called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Casey introduced Danielle Williamson, newly hired Recreation office assistant to the Board.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE JANUARY 24, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Dierschke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dotson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, MARKETING AND ADVERTISING FOR THE CITY AND PARKS AND RECREATION. Mr. Anthony Wilson, Director of Communication gave the above presentation and spoke regarding the COSA public information Facebook page, the current 28,838 followers and how we measured to the big cities in Texas. He said they work well with the local media, and they recently developed a show with the Nature Center. Mr. Jelensperger asked Mr. Wilson if he could do anything to advertise or promote donations to assist with park projects. Mr. Wilson stated he could have Mr. White appear as his guest at local stations.

3. DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL SAN ANGELO GIVES CAMPAIGN AND DESIGNATING THE UNIDAD PARK PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT AS THE PROJECT FOR RECEIVING DONATIONS THIS YEAR AND RECOMMENDING ANY RELATED MATTERS. Mr. Jelensperger requested item #6 be moved to #3 and #5 postponed. The rest were followed in the corresponding order. Mr. White recommended to include a specific project for San Angelo Gives. He recommended Unidad Park playground. He also presented all the areas that need refurbishment within Unidad Park. Much discussion was held. Mr. Jelensperger asked for questions. Mr. Hampton asked if the Unidad Park project would be better than the Red Arroyo project. Discussion was also held regarding the drainage work upcoming along College Hills Boulevard. Mr. Hogg asked what other projects could be included in San Angelo Gives. Mr. Hampton asked if there are studies done regarding where most of the children are. Mr. White stated the master plan would not help with that information. The restrooms at Glenmore and MLK were suggested. Mr. White stated these projects were not funded and Unidad Park is partially funded. Ms. Watkins stated Unidad Park would be the best option to receive the most donations. Recommendation was to have Unidad park project included in San Angelo Gives. Mr. Dierschke made a motion and seconded by Ms. Wilson, which passed unanimously.

4. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON COMMISSIONING A NEW PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN INCLUDING AN ACTIVE LIVING PLAN AND RECOMMENDING ANY RELATED MATTERS. Mr. White also spoke regarding the master plan and stated that the RFP is ready to be released next week. He introduced Sandra Villarreal, Director of Health who spoke regarding the Texas Healthy Communities Grant. She gave an explanation of the different sectors of the community and gave a presentation on the different grants she has acquired for different departments within the City of San Angelo. It was concluded Ms. Villarreal will partner with Parks and Recreation and will have an appendix to the master plan. She stated that she acquired for \$30,000.00 for active living plan for fiscal year 2019. Mr. Jelensperger recommended that a board member volunteer to sit on the section committee. Ms. Dicello volunteered.

5. PRESENTATION ON RESEARCHING AND APPLYING FOR GRANTS RELATED TO PARKS IMPROVEMENTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR ALL PROJECTS, IN GENERAL. Ms. Villarreal gave a list of grants she had acquired for the different departments within the City including Parks and Recreation. Much discussion was held. Mr. Hampton asked if there was a list on the internet where grants could be seen. Ms. Villarreal stated there is a portal but only members can access the site generally. Ms. Villarreal stated there are a lot of grants that get missed that we could use. Discussions were held regarding the different projects in the CIP. Mr. White stated it would cost \$225,000.00 for the restrooms at MLK Park. Shirley Spears with San Angelo Unit #6219 N.A.A.C.P. president spoke regarding the issue of the restroom facilities at MLK Park and the necessity for proper restroom facilities for the residents that attend that park. She asked for clarification regarding the difference between neighborhood and community parks and to rectify the restroom situation. The restrooms were replaced with temporary ones back in 2004 and permanent restrooms have not been installed as of yet. Mr. White gave clarification and stated the City would need to match the funding for the restrooms at MLK Park if a grant were sought. Mr. Jelensperger recommended to accept the proposition from Mr. Hogg to move the restroom issue from moderate to high priority. Original item #7 was not discussed and will be added to next month's meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. Define categories of parks and recommendations on what amenities to have at these parks, not based on size of park but usage of park. Adopt-a-Spot, plus items 5 & 7 which were not discussed in the original agenda for today's meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hampton motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 5:03 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dierschke.



Approved