

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

Following notice and publication, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting at 3:30 p.m., **January 26, 2023** in the Station 618 Activity Room, 618 S. Chadbourne St., San Angelo, Texas.

**Board Members present** were Mark Davis, Kenneth Dierschke, Cie Rangel, Allison Watkins, Alicia Olshanski and Suzi Marshall. **Staff Members present** were Brent Casey, Mario De La O, Roger Havlak, John Henry Perez, Rick Weise, Al. Torres, and Carl White. **Guests present** were Amanda George and Laurie Dicello. The minutes were recorded by Carl White.

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Davis presented pen and pencil sets to Mr. Dierschke and Ms. Dicello for recognition and thanks for their dedicated service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for six years. Afterwards, Ms. George spoke about the shortage of gyms for practice and games for the youth basketball program. She requested the board look into ways of bettering the situation.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE DECEMBER 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES.** Mr. Havlak stated that he was not present at the December 12, 2022 meeting. The minutes will be corrected. Mr. Dierschke motioned to approve the minutes, with the correction. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marshall. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT**

**2. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPLASH PADS AT UNIDAD/COLLEGE HILLS AND KIRBY COMMUNITY PARKS, ALONG WITH THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.** Mr. White gave an update on this item. The conceptual renderings of the splash pads weren't shown at the last Board meeting but were emailed to Board Members after the last meeting. We took a resolution to City Council on January 17, 2023, which was adopted. The resolution supports All-Tex Irrigation's fundraising efforts for the two splash pads (estimated to cost about \$850,000). The resolution was written such that one splash pad can be constructed before all funds are raised for the second one. The resolution also commits the City to maintain and operate the splash pads, once they are constructed; this will include the need to hire one full-time technician, who would also provide service to our existing swimming pool. The splash pads are anticipated to be built, one at Unidad Park and one at Kirby Park. The layout of the splash pads were discussed. The overall budget of the project for both splash pads was discussed. Fundraising strategies were discussed. Ms. Olshanski spoke and gave an update on the steps she has taken to move the project forward, including meeting with the San Angelo Area Foundation, meeting with the steering committee, and figuring out some marketing plans. Ms. Watkins asked about the possibility of the splash pads being a focus for our department's "San Angelo Gives" day of giving program. Staff agreed to help promote and support the splash pads steering committee's efforts for their "San Angelo Gives" project. The time of operation of the splash pads was discussed and we anticipate that to be as soon as the weather warms up consistently in March until it cools in October. No actions are required for this item; this was just an update.

**3. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VALLEYVIEW PROPERTY AS A PARK AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.** Mr. White gave an update on this item. He recounted the discussion of a recent meeting with a few City Council Members and the developer. The stormwater detention improvements at the Valleyview property would be needed not just for the new and adjacent residential development but also to address drainage in the existing residential area. The developer stated that he may be willing to pay for the development of this neighborhood stormwater detention area which would be a benefit to his development and the City's needs. The developer said he would submit a proposal to the City regarding this. At that meeting, it was also discussed to try to develop the detention area such that it would be as usable as possible for open space as well as have low maintenance requirements. Mr. White also discussed the anticipated cost for the development of the park. No actions were required; this was just an update.

**4. DISCUSS A POSSIBLE "SAN ANGELO GIVES" PROJECT OR PROGRAM FOR 2023 AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.** The Board would like staff to see if it is possible to promote the splash pads project through our means, as well as during the "San Angelo Gives" event this year. Staff will work with the City's Public Information Office to help promote the splash pads project and will see if there is a way to link from the Parks and Recreation project to the separate one for the splash pads. Mr. White asked for a motion to approve a program for this year's "San Angelo Gives." Ms. Watkins made a motion to approve the "concerts in the parks" Recreation program for this year's

"San Angelo Gives" fundraising event. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**5. DISCUSS A POSSIBLE PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.** Mr. White talked about City Council's interest in considering a possible parkland dedication ordinance. Discussions were held regarding parkland dedication ordinances, including similar ordinances in other cities. Mr. Weise clarified that we are only considering the general concept of such an ordinance. If City Council is okay with the concept, details would be drafted for future consideration by the Board and Council. Mr. Davis spoke in support of the need for such an ordinance, pointing out how quickly the southwest area of the city is growing, without commensurate park development. Mr. Dierschke asked about how and when the funds would be collected. In addition, Mr. Weise stated that addressing the needs to fill park service holes would require separate discussion and consideration. Mr. Dierschke made a motion to move forward with the possibility of a parkland dedication ordinance, as a general concept. The details will still need to be ironed out. The motion was seconded by Ms. Watkins. The motion passed.

**6. UPDATE FROM PARKS REGARDING RECENT, ONGOING AND UPCOMING IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AS WELL AS ANY MAINTENANCE MATTERS.** Mr. Havlak spoke about his key projects including: construction of the dog park pavilion, possible sodding of some areas of the dog parks in the near future, the planting of about 50 trees throughout the parks, renovations of the Rio Concho Garden, assisting Fort Concho with the preparation of the parade grounds for an upcoming polo demonstration in April, ongoing renovation of the landscaping and irrigation at the Convention Center, renovation of the landscaping at the Visitors' Center (contracted), tree pruning, grinding the surface of the concrete slab at the large pavilion at Kirby Park to help prevent slips, stump grinding, upcoming construction of the storage building at the TBSC, and upcoming installation of the playground at Brown Park.

**7. UPATE FROM RECREATION REGARDING RECENT, ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.** Mr. Casey spoke about his key programs and activities including: the preseason basketball tournament which just finished with 44 teams, starting youth basketball league play with 134 teams, the upcoming date night event for four nights, a USSSA tournament upcoming in spring with 100 teams expected, the Carl Ray Johnson Recreation Center being used as a warming shelter, an upcoming adult co-ed softball tournament at the Texas Bank Sports Complex, completion of the repainting of the Santa Fe Crossing building, and getting ready for the pool season again.

**8. DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** The next meeting will be held February 23, 2023. Future items to be discussed are: 1) shortage of gyms and 2) Civic League Park improvements and the botanical gardens idea. We also should hold elections for Chair and Vice Chair at the next meeting.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dierschke motioned for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Ms. Rangel. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

  
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