

**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., **February 23, 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, Dee Jay Wilde and Suzi Marshall. **Staff Members present** were Brent Casey, Mario De La O, Roger Havlak, John Henry Perez, Al. Torres, and Carl White. **Guests present** were Laurie Dicello and Jesus Alvarado. 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 3:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. White gave the Board an update on filling of the vacant Administrative Assistant, Senior position. Mr. White also mentioned the passing of Larry Jolly, with whom we were working as executor of Mr. Kenneth Landon's estate to operate and maintain the water lily collection. Lastly, Mr. White recognized Mr. Jesus Alvarado (Chuy) and his 30 years of service with the City of San Angelo.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approving the January 26, 2023 minutes. 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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair. The elected positions of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board were discussed. Eligibility of some of the members were discussed with Mr. Dierschke's position to be replaced in the near future and Ms. Watkin's position being the Park Commission liaison member. Mr. Dierschke motioned that Mr. Davis be elected as Chair. Mr. Wilde seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Some discussion was held about the Vice Chair position. Mr. Wilde motioned that Ms. Marshall be elected Vice Chair. Mr. Dierschke seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss available gymnasiums/courts for athletic programs and recommend any related matters. Mr. White introduced the item and then Mr. Casey spoke more in detail. He covered the courts that we have and their condition and limitations (Southside, Northside and Carl Ray Johnson centers). He discussed all the programs we have that utilize the courts. He covered how we utilize other courts such as SAISD's and Next Level's, at a cost. He talked about what a new recreation center could provide for athletics and other programs. Discussion was held, including other recreation centers in other cities such as Denver City and Abilene. Limiting the number of programs and teams was also discussed. Discussion was held about the possibility of assisting the youth sports organizations that could help lead efforts to raise funds for a new facility. The Board also discussed the possibility of constructing a facility similar to the Next Level one that created more courts with some seating, restrooms and concessions only to keep the cost lower. The possibility of using the Boys and Girls Clubs as well as church courts was also discussed. Also using other existing buildings in the city, not gyms, as possible court space, indoor and outdoor. Staff will research possibilities and bring them back to the Board for future discussion.

4. Discuss Civic League Park improvements and recommend any related matters. Mr. Havlak gave updates on the progress of some of the improvements the Board has previously recommended. New wayfinding signs and their placement was discussed as well as the new entrance area and sign. There is no budget for the improvements except for the signage, and that will limit progress. More discussion was held. Ms. Marshall mentioned that Council Member Smith visited her about the botanical gardens and stated her interest in moving the project forward. In light of the information Ms. Marshall brought forward, we will hold off on sketching the new improvements and moving forward with the improvements until staff can visit with Council Member Smith and coordinate efforts. More discussion will follow at a future meeting.

5. Update from Parks regarding recent, ongoing and upcoming improvement projects, as well as any maintenance matters. Mr. Havlak gave some updates on major projects including the grinding of the slab at Kirby Community Park to make it less slick, assistance with Fort Concho for an upcoming polo demonstration event, doing end of the winter tree maintenance, dog park pavilion construction, water lily basin clean out which may need to be delayed a bit based on the recent passing of Larry Jolly, tree planting. Mr. Dierschke asked about the Plant a Tree program and Mr. Havlak provided some details about it.

6. Update from Recreation regarding recent, ongoing and upcoming programs and activities. Mr. Casey talked about the new Civic Rec online service that will “go live” later in March that will allow for online registrations, payments, reservations and more. He talked about the ongoing Date Night events and increased attendance and revenue from this year’s program, including a first ever Senior afternoon dance at the same location on this day.

8. Discuss future agenda items and upcoming meeting date. The next meeting will be held March 23, 2023. Future items to be discussed are the main items discussed at today’s meeting: 1) shortage of gyms and 2) Civic League Park improvements and the botanical gardens idea.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dierschke motioned for the meeting to be adjourned; seconded by Mr. Wilde. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.



Approved