

**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., **June 22, 2023** in the Station 618 Activity Room, 618 S. Chadbourne St., San Angelo, Texas.

Board Members Present were Mark Davis, Suzi Marshall, Cie Rangel, Dee Jay Wilde, Allison Watkins and Alicia Olshanski. **Staff Members Present** were Brent Casey, Mario De La O, Roger Havlak, Al Torres and Carl White. Guests present were Kevin Little, Alex Holguin, Jesus Hernandez, Chase Twombly and John Marshall. The minutes were recorded by Barbara Stallworth.

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

No public comment. Carl White distributed a memo addressed to Council Members informing them of an event and some recent complaints received regarding its permit.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approving the May 25, 2023 minutes. Ms. Marshall motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rangel and passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Hear a report from the Salvation Army on their past season youth sports programs, consider their request to use Mountain View Park for youth sports practices this fall season and recommend any related matters. Mr. White gave a quick orientation about the park location and the amenities. Mr. White discussed the request from the Salvation Army and outlined the usage of the park that will be considered. Mr. Hernandez reported that last season they had over 200 children participate in the sports program and he is projecting next season to be doubled. Mr. Casey and Mr. White outlined the usage of the park to be considered by the Board to include any fees, timeframes and days of the week. Mr. Wilde motioned to approve the usage of the Mountain View Park by the Salvation Army for their sports program. Ms. Watkins seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

3. Consider a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Center for the Concho Valley (ADACCV) for funding \$188,000.00 from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the purchase and installation of two playgrounds, one at Mountainview Park and one at Bell Park and recommend any related matters. Mr. White explained the source of the funding for the issues we were about to discuss. Mr. White explained that this money will be used to purchase playground equipment and mentioned he was communicating with ADACCV to finalize deadlines and when he was planning to take it to City Council. Mr. White presented both parks that would receive this equipment with details of the layout and showed examples of the type of equipment we are able to purchase. The projected budget for each project will be \$94,000.00 and will include installation. He stated that Mountainview Park will be first to receive the equipment and Bell Park will receive the equipment after that. The deadline is pending a discussion with HHSC. No questions were asked at this time by the Board.

4. Hear updates on Civic League Park improvements and recommend any related matters. Mr. Havlak showed a presentation of the Civic League Park which included pictures of a car accident that resulted in damage to some entrance railing, a new drinking fountain, and new signs to assist the public in locating the Civic League Park. Mr. Havlak stated that new roses have been planted, as some roses had been lost over this past winter as well as some trees that have been lost due to damage from storms. Mr. Havlak and Mr. Torres discussed the projected improvements to the front entrance of Civic League Park. Mr. Torres discussed the type of rock needed for the entrance that may be hard to find. Ms. Marshall suggested

that we consider using the rock that is from the original wall that is across the street at Central High School campus. Mr. Torres stated that if he is not able to find an exact match, he will find a stone that will complement the style and design. Mr. Torres showed a presentation with plans of the entrance and stated that the amount has not yet been determined.

5. Hear updates on the International Waterlily Collection. Mr. Twombly gave an update on the Waterlily Collection. He stated that heat has been a factor in the condition of the plants, but things are still going well. He discussed the signage in the entrance will be removed and he is working with Fast Signs to replace the signs with a more inviting message. He stated that he wants to update the security system to something more functional but basic. Mr. Twombly wanted to suggest a future project of building a public restroom at Civic League Park. Mr. De La O, Mr. Havlak and Mr. Torres discussed the location of sewer mains in the area and will consider that with more discussion. Mr. Twombly discussed the Lily Fest event this fall. Mr. Marshall asked about the event being organized by the San Angelo Gardening Club in the past and it was determined that Mr. Jolly had taken over that recently. Mr. Twombly stated that he can get any signs and banners produced that would be needed and he would be willing to organize it with the assistance of the Parks Department. Mr. Havlak and Mr. White agreed that the Parks Department's participation in the past will be the same for this event as well. Mr. Twombly stated the event will need to be in September but wanted to schedule it for the 3rd weekend.

6. Hear updates on parks and recreation related items that have recently gone, or will soon go, to City Council for consideration. Mr. White discussed the River Bank stabilization project and the USDA FS (United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service) grant application and details of the project related to that. He explained why this was not brought through the Board initially. If the grant is approved, the issue will be taken back to Council. On July 6, 2023, Mr. White will be taking the ADACCV MOU to Council detailed in Agenda item 3. Mr. White will also ask Council to consider adopting a resolution supporting private fundraising for new skate park equipment for the downtown skate park. Mr. Little was present and discussed some equipment available for purchase and updated the Board on his efforts in fundraising. He stated that he is about to set up an account with the Area Foundation to assist in managing funds for this project. Mr. Little and Mr. White discussed details of the renovations needed to the Skate Park area in addition to the equipment purchase. Mr. Little stated that he set a goal to raise \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 to complete the renovations of the Skate Park. Mr. White discussed the Nature Center and the condition of the building. Mr. Casey discussed the Nature Center in detail to outline some recent maintenance issues that are a concern to the USDA. Mr. Casey discussed many efforts we have made to improve the environment at the Nature Center. Mr. Casey stated that a deadline of July 1, 2023 had been given to him to make many updates to the Nature Center by the USDA. In response, all mammals and birds will be removed from the Nature Center and the Nature Center will only have reptiles. At the next executive session, the future of the Nature Center will be discussed with Council.

7. Discuss future agenda items and upcoming meeting date. Mr. Little asked Mr. White about the ability to use the outlets around the Skate Park for electronics during promotional events. Mr. Havlak explained that the usage of the outlets needs to be coordinated because we need to make sure the correct breaker is available for usage. Mr. White asked Mr. Little to be mindful of the offices in the general area around the skate park and to not disturb them when doing promotional events. In addition, if attendance for the events will be 50 or more people, he will need to follow the Special Event application procedure. Mr. White also asked Mr. Little to email him at least 2 weeks in advance so we can notify the Parks Department of anything that may be needed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wilde motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 4 08pm. This motioned was seconded my Ms. Marshall.

Approved