

**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., **April 27, 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 and Alicia Olshanski. **Staff Members Present** were Brent Casey, Mario De La O, Roger Havlak, Samantha Kneisler, Al Torres and Carl White. Guests present were Laurie Dicello, Michael Mooney, Randy Rangel, Tom Ashmore, Kevin Little, Jason Pierce and Taylor Chase Twombly. 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**

Mr. Kevin Little suggested that the Board consider discussing needed renovations to the downtown skate park. Mr. Little mentioned that repairs had been made in the past, but will need more maintenance due to continued deteriorating conditions and age. Mr. Little mentioned that he will seek some fund raising on his own and explore the possibility of getting grants to assist in the cost of renovations. Mr. White stated this discussion can be added to the May agenda. Mr. Casey introduced Ms. Samantha Kneisler as the new Recreation Supervisor over Senior Services.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Consideration of Approving the March 23, 2023 minutes.**

Mr. Wilde motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marshall and passed unanimously.

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

**2. CONSIDER DEVELOPING THE HISTORIC CONCHO MAIL STATION AS A PARK AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.**

Mr. White displayed a slideshow that was prepared for this topic. Mr. White explained that this subject was presented to the Fort Concho Advisory Board with interest and will go to the City Council in May to determine the direction they would like to take. Mr. White explained that this site could be developed as a walking nature trail with historic information along the way for the public to enjoy. Mr. Tom Ashmore, West Texas Archeologist Society, introduced himself to the Board and discussed the details of the historic Concho Mail Station that is located on city property. Mr. Ashmore gave a quick history of the location as well as showed the Board aerial maps detailing key locations of the site and significant structures. Mr. Wilde motioned to move this item forward to the City Council for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and passed unanimously.

**3. CONSIDER A LEASE OF SOME OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET SPORTS COMPLEX PROPERTY TO THE BMX (BICYCLE MOTO CROSS) GROUP FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMEND ANY RELATED MATTERS.**

Mr. White showed a current site plan for this area to the Board. Mr. White showed examples of BMX courses that would be similar to what the BMX group would be interested in building on this site. Mr. White explained that in the event the agreement with the BMX group is approved by City Council, as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City will provide the soil for the course and the BMX group will provide construction and maintenance of the course. Mr. White continued to state some details of a proposed agreement for future reference that detailed to size of area to be used and length of agreement that will be proposed. Mr. Michael Mooney introduced himself and explained some ideas the BMX group had for events at this site. He discussed the popularity of this site for other BMX groups to use and hold events and would potentially bring further revenue into the city. Mr. Havlak suggested a type of soil that may be beneficial to the course and asked if the course would be open to the public. Mr. Mooney suggested that he would like to keep it open to the public and would be interested in accumulating more membership. Mr. Jason Pierce mentioned that the San Angelo Bicycle Club is interested in assisting with this project in the future. Mr. White expressed concern with having the course open to the public without supervision and made a suggestion on how to manage that. Cie Rangel motioned to move this to Council. Mr. Wilde seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**4. DISCUSS PROMOTION OF THE SPLASH PADS PROJECTS FUNDRAISING.** Mr. White explained that he spoke with Brian Groves in Public Information about promotions and fundraising for the Splash Pads. Alicia Olshanski mentioned her intentions of putting signs at each location as well as QR codes to assist in fund raising and promotion of the splash pads. Ms. Olshanski discussed the commitment ALL-TEX Irrigation has in the project as well as some other businesses on raising awareness and funds to complete the project. Ms. Olshanski explained that some of the larger companies in the area have been approached for donations but some companies want to wait until the project starts moving along before they will donate. Sponsor packages have been created in a range from \$1000.00 to \$100,000.00 and discussed some incentives for companies to donate. Ms. Olshanski encouraged everyone to spread the word and help promote the fund raising efforts. Ms. Olshanski stated the company ASCO has assisted in fundraising by matching donations in various amounts that will give us the option to possibly get over \$200,000.00 donated to us from ASCO. Ms. Olshanski will be getting with ASCO to confirm that agreement and start matching amounts. Ms. Olshanski stated that the projected total price of both sites is approximately \$890,000.00. Ms. Olshanski stated that a company has donated all of the concrete pouring and concrete work for both parks. She mentioned that as soon as funds are raised to do one park, it will be started and explained that the amount for the smaller park at Unidad is just under \$300,000.00. The size of the sign at the location to promote the fund raising of the park was discussed. Ms. Olshanski discussed the importance of raising funds and mentioned surrounding cities that are getting splash pads. She explained that Lamar Advertisement will do ads for the project for the next 2 years. She verified that donations are tax deductible and funds will be in a non-profit and managed by San Angelo Area Foundation. She also mentioned that there have been some interviews with KIDY for awareness. Mr. White suggested that we get banners for advertisement at the sports events at the TBSC complex.

**5. UPDATE ON THE INTERNATIONAL WATER LILY COLLECTION.** Mr. White explained that the new agreement has been executed and we are moving forward. Mr. Chase Twombly gave an update on the Water Lily Collection. He stated that he is bringing in over 100 varieties of lilies and is looking into bringing in some new varieties of lotuses and other plants that will bring a more botanical feel to the display. He has plans to get the schools involved and allow the elementary schools to get involved with some interactive learning. Mr. Twombly stated everything is looking great and going well with the collection.

**6. UPDATE ON THE PARK LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE.** Mr. White gave an update and explained the draft will be reviewed by the committee in the next few weeks. Once it has been reviewed then it will come back to the Board for further discussion before going to Council. Mr. White explained further details of the process to establish land dedicated for park usage, along with development costs. Brent Casey gave an update on the discussions on this topic with current Legislative Committee.

**7. DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND UPCOMING MEETING DATE.** Next meeting will be held May 25. New items: Mr. White mentioned the need for discussion on the needed renovations of Riverside Skate Park. Mr. White will discuss more on the Park Land Dedication Ordinance and will also discuss an update on the Youth Sports Practice.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wilde motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:46pm. This motioned was seconded by Ms. Marshall.



Approved