

**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., **August 21, 2024**, in the East Mezzanine at City Hall, 72 W. College Avenue, San Angelo, Texas. **Board Members Present** were Dee Jay Wilde, Cie Rangel, Emily Jane Cowen, Allison Schwarz and Ben Brojakowski. **Staff Members Present** were Theresa James, Mario De La O, Jesse Benes, Roger Havlak, Al Torres and Carl White. The guests present for this meeting were Bryan Mattis, Joan M. Mertz, Marilyn Golightly, Kevin Little and Councilwoman Karen Hesse Smith. The minutes were recorded by Barbara Stallworth.

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

A. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board present, Mr. Wilde called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at the East Mezzanine in City Hall, 72 W. College Avenue, San Angelo, Texas.

B. Public Comment

No public comments were made. Theresa James spoke to the group regarding some changes that will be made to the public comment process in future meetings.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approving the April 03, 2024 minutes. Cie Rangel motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schwarz and passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Discuss the Santa Rita Park renovation project and recommend any related matters. Mr. White showed conceptual ideas of improvements for the Santa Rita Park as well as a review of the property lines. Mr. Torres discussed the trail placement in the Santa Rita Park that will connect to Sulphur Springs Park. Mr. White advocated for the Board to create a committee that will include some citizens that reside in the Santa Rita area to finalize the improvement ideas, price those ideas and update the budget for the renovations. Joan Mertz asked the Board to put the main focus on Santa Rita Park, she complimented many of the conceptual ideas presented. Bryan Mattis discussed many of the activities he is currently seeing in the park and raised some concern with children climbing over the fence to play in the Santa Rita Elementary playground and suggested signage being posted to help prevent this from happening in the future. Marilyn Golightly detailed some of the activities she sees in the park and agreed to assist in gathering interest, with other residents, in joining the committee or raising funds.

3. Hear and discuss updates on the Mountainview and downtown skate parks. Mr. White asked Kevin Little to give an update on the fundraising efforts as well as the recent maintenance performed at both locations. Mr. Little discussed specific maintenance performed and any needed maintenance to be done at the downtown skate park. Mr. Little explained that he checks the Mountainview Park skate area routinely for any repairs needed. Mr. Little discussed his fundraising efforts and he reported that he has approximately \$5,000.00 raised and has scheduled another fundraiser soon. Mr. Havlak gave an update of some renovations for the downtown skate park.

4. Consider converting the tennis courts at Meadowcreek and Santa Rita Parks to pickle ball. Mr. Havlak explained to the Board that the tennis courts at Meadowcreek Park will have one (1) court converted to a pickle ball court and the tennis court will remain a tennis court. Mr. White showed pictures of the newly converted pickle ball courts at Santa Rita and explained the high demand from the public for that conversion. Mr. Brojakowski agreed keeping the one court as a tennis court for the general public to use at Meadowcreek Park. Mr. Havlak recalled other parks that have tennis courts for public use. The Board agreed with this agenda item.

5. Hold a discussion with the new Recreation Manager, including initial thoughts and vision for the future. Mr. Benes updated the Board on recreation activities that would include activities at the Senior

Center. Mr. Benes discussed his ideas for future pool events, senior activities, and events to be held at the gyms and parks.

6. Hear and discuss updates from Recreation activities and programs, Parks operations and projects, splash pads, the natural playground at Unidad Park, Bosque operations and activities, Bosque opening and operations, Civic League Park entrance sign, the Youth Sports Practice Area project (29th St. sports complex), the Mountainview Park playground project and the creation of the San Angelo Park Foundation. Mr. White discussed the ribbon-cutting event for the splash pad at Unidad Park on July 25, 2024. Mr. Havlak discussed irrigation for the area around the splash pad for grass growth. Mr. White showed pictures of the proposed splash pad at Kirby Park that detailed the equipment being installed. Mr. White discussed the placement of the splash pad at Kirby Park and answered some questions that were asked regarding the placement. Mr. Torres explained the splash pad will need to be positioned out of the flood plain that is located at Kirby Park along the North Concho River and the splash pad needs to be in close proximity to plumbing facilities. Mr. Havlak discussed the location of the walkways around the proposed Kirby Park splash pad as well as the proposed shade structure. Mr. Havlak discussed the natural playground at Unidad Park and detailed the products used in this project. He highlighted the efforts and creativity of the Parks staff in creating some of the amenities of this playground. Mr. Havlak discussed the Mountainview Park and showed pictures of the playground. He expressed the park will be ADA compliant and engineered wood fiber will be delivered soon to bring the park closer to completion. Mr. Havlak gave an update on the Civic League Park entrance project. Mr. Torres gave an update on the Youth Sports Practice Area and ensured the project is moving forward. Mr. Wilde gave an update on progress of the San Angelo Park Foundation. He outlined some steps in moving forward and asked Mr. White to assist them with guidance. Mr. Benes gave an update on the operation of the Bosque and an idea which would involve a possible lease agreement for the Bosque.

7. Consider future agenda items and discuss the next meeting date. The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 3:30 at City Hall, East Mezzanine.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wilde motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:36pm. This motion was seconded by Ms. Cowen and it passed unanimously.



Approved