

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND PARKS, RECREATION, & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD, HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 AT 8:15 A.M., AT 4141 BAILEY ROAD, PEARLAND, TX 77584.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 a.m.

II. BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

Buck Stevens	Chair
Mike Wilson	Board Member
Vicky Smith	Board Member
Bethany Earl	Board Member
Chris Orlea	Parks & Recreation, Director
Carry Capers	Parks & Recreation, Assistant Director
Mychal Mitchell	Parks & Recreation, Special Events Coordinator
Melanie Lawson	Parks & Recreation, Administrative Assistant

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 9, 2017

Minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

IV. BOARD REPORT

Mr. Stevens reported he addressed some Facebook postings and asked the Board to contact either Carry or Chris regarding any negative posts. Mr. Stevens also noted attending several other events including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Paws in the Park, the Forever Parks Foundation naming rights event, and several Council meetings.

Mr. Wilson reported he received positive feedback on Shadow Creek Ranch. Mr. Wilson also requested feedback on Centennial Park. Mr. Orlea noted the restrooms continue to be blocked off due to a possible crack underground. Mr. Orlea also noted the quick connect was fixed and all the laterals replaced. The elevations at the park were off about 6 inches and are currently being worked on by Gulf Coast Landscaping at cost.

Ms. Earl reported positive feedback by residents on the shades at Southdown Park. Ms. Earl also noted attending the SCR Grand Opening and heard positive feedback regarding the opening of Shadow Creek Ranch.

Mr. Orlea noted Southgate Park will have a sign installed by Parks & Recreation noting the hours of the park. Mr. Orlea also noted a Parks Patrol team (by Pearland Police Department) is in the works for all City of Pearland parks.

Ms. Smith asked about the possible passing law of medical marijuana and if we are prepared with appropriate signage for our parks. Mr. Orlea noted our legal department will be proactive in installing signage at all parks forbidding smoking of any kind.

Mr. Orlea also addressed a Facebook post regarding Natatorium closures. Mr. Orlea noted membership agreements state the facility could be closed up to 20% of the time.

V. DISCUSSION REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS – Earth Day/Concerts in the Park – Mychal Mitchell, Special Events

Mr. Mitchell talked about the numerous activities that will be taking place on Earth Day, May 22nd, and Concerts in the Park taking place May 5 – June 30.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEW SKATE PARK

Mr. Stevens talked about spearheading a group to begin raising funds for a new skate park in Pearland. Mr. Stevens presented renderings to the Board for view and handed out materials regarding the new skate park. Mr. Stevens visited numerous cities with skate parks and believes this endeavor could run as much as \$1 million, but thinks the skate park could be utilized for other activities.

Mr. Orlea talked about possible pieces of land currently owned by the City, grant funding, and the department would continue to work with Mr. Stevens and the Board to bring this project to fruition.

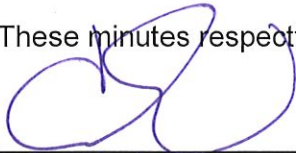
VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING DIVERSITY/INCLUSION PLAN FOCUS GROUP – Dr. Carmen Carter

Mr. Orlea introduced Dr. Carmen Carter and the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stevens.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

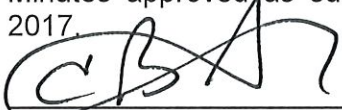
These minutes respectfully submitted by:



C. Orlea

Melanie Lawson
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved as submitted and/or corrected this 11TH day of MAY 2017, 2017.



Buck Stevens, Chairman