



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 9th, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street, * Rowlett, Texas 75088
Room D

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Ken Romaine, Ronald Miller, Matt Grubisich, Debby Bobbit, Jack Rinz

ABSENT: Norman Tsao, Norman Scown, Donn Gilray, Jr., Gabriel Palma

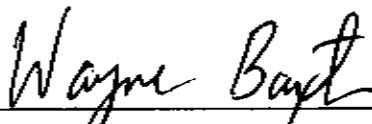
VISITORS: N/A

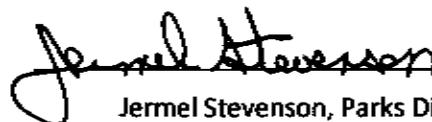
STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant for Parks & Recreation

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Ken Romaine motioned to approve minutes from March 9th, 2011 meeting. Ron Miller seconded motion, 4-0 approval.
4. Wayne and Jermel gave update to the Board concerning use of Skate Zone by Christian City Church.
 - a. Jermel spoke with Crystal the Youth Pastor. She apologized for not having a report for the park. She explained that the park was costing more than they had previously thought. It was for their best interests to close the park and they would like to attend the next board meeting to give a full report on the park; and to relate to the Board that the church doesn't want to reflect a negative image to the City.
5. Meeting for the Water Mitigation scheduled with Matt and Wayne for the coming week.
6. Sustainability program discussed by the Board.
 - a. Jermel explained that survey will consist of several questions that the City would like to ask the citizens of Rowlett concerning future budgets and services. The City Manager Lynda Humble will present this survey to the Board at the May 2011 regular board meeting. This presentation will take one hour.
7. "Tree the Town" discussed:
 - a. Official kick-off date is April 18th.
 - b. Mayor Harper has invited a council representative from Richardson to speak to our City Council on March 15th about "Tree the Town".
8. The Board discussed updates on Katy Park.
 - a. Jermel brought forth thanks to the Parks Advisory Board. The Katy Park project was approved at the last council meeting mainly due to the PAB bringing and sending their input to Council



- encouraging them to move forward with this project. Our next steps will be to get the neighborhood input.
- b. Ron and Matt brought concerns about this project being delayed due to this project being tied in with the DART project and their schedules.
 - c. Jermel commented that the park will mainly consist of a walking trail and a playground due to budget restrictions.
9. Jermel updated the Board with the monthly Director's Report.
- a. Jermel invited the Board to attend the next council meeting. The "Tree the Town" project will be an agenda item at the next City Council work session being held on March 15th.
 - b. Parks & Recreation rolled out the social media campaign. Parks & Recreation invited all city employees and 5,000 customers we have on file via email to join in the campaign.
 - c. The Coyle House project has started by making structural repairs to the house and milk shed.
 - d. Wet Zone had a new Aquatics Supervisor, Angela Smith. Angie began working with the City on Monday, February, 28th.
 - e. The Krrrplunk attraction at the Wet Zone has been taken down and we are now in the process of confining the area.
 - f. The department is working along with the Police Department to begin the "While You Wait" out of school program on Main Street.
10. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
- a. Diversity Day is Saturday, March 26th beginning at 1 p.m. at the RCC.
 - b. Kids Fish is on Saturday, April 9th, beginning at 9 a.m. at Community Park.
 - c. Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 16th beginning at 10 a.m. at Pecan Grove Park.
 - d. Puppapalooza will be on April 17th beginning at 2 p.m. at Pecan Grove Park.
11. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matters have been properly placed on a posted agenda.
12. Ron Miller made motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Ken Romaine seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.


Wayne Baxter, Chairman


Jermel Stevenson, Parks Director