



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Work Session Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

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**PRESENT:** Mike DeLatte, Rick Helfers, Ken Romaine, Wayne Baxter, John Macatee, Brownie Sherrill

**ABSENT:** Fredrick Bradshaw, Bill Gilbreath, Matt Grubisich, Rhetta Bowers, Lonnie Cornwell

**VISTORS:**

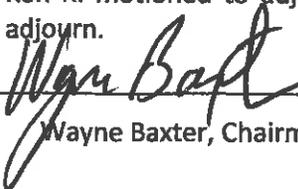
**STAFF:** Keith Flournoy, Parks Division Manager; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager; Debby Bobbitt, City Council member.

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1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Quorum present
3. Kids' Kingdom
  - a. Jermel S. thanked all present for attending this special work session. Jermel S. explained to members that before going on the playground field trip it was realized there should be a discussion about the cost and funding of Kids' Kingdom. He continued that the purpose of this meeting is to have a discussion and to know what the goal of the fundraising will be. A timeline was handed distributed to members.
  - b. Keith F. mentioned that at the regular meeting last week members were able to view sketches of various styles of kids' kingdoms along with different prices for the structures. He continued to remind that the City Council has established \$100,000 towards Rowlett Kids' Kingdom but the minimal price quote on the sketches was \$300,000. Needing to decide what type of footprint to being the project will. He reviewed some of the details of the sketches regarding measurements and prices.
  - c. Wayne B. asked in regards to the fundraising and depending on the size of structure selected can the company break cost down by sections. Keith F. responded this can be done. Rick H. questioned if the various cost options are not known then how does one come to a decision of the total amount.
  - d. The Rowlett Kids' Kingdom had been 14,000 square feet. Keith F. shared a typical scheme is going to be 10,000 or more square feet. Therefore if you go with fibar as the surfacing the cost at \$3 per square foot will be \$30,000. Angie S. added this is where the footprint becomes important in considering the cost for ground preparations and cover then can look at amenities. Keith F. mentioned consideration that if the play structure is placed at Herfurth Park then what preparations and costs will need to be made for the structure to be placed there.
  - e. Keith F. says Flower Mound is 12,300 square feet and cost was \$300,000. Angie S. remarked if looking at just fibar for ground covering the cost for that will be \$36,000. Frisco paid \$195,000 for just their surfacing.



- f. Debby B. suggested that the structure could possibly be built in phases. Wayne B. expressed that the board has discussed this possibility but decided it would be best to have the fundraising all at once because spreading it out will probably lose the interest of citizens to continue donating to the funds over a period of time. Wayne B. voiced this project needs to be done the correct way or there will be other issues to handle.
  - g. Wayne B. asked members to voice their opinions. Rick H. said it is close enough to the square footage the city had and if it can be made with the type of structure it needs to be then the 12,000 square feet could work. Brownie S. based on what he is hearing he does feel it is important to know the costs of the various playground items such as the cost of a slide because these components will weigh on the fundraising. Keith F. reminded there does need to be so much space between different play equipment for safety guidelines. Mike D. says to raise over \$200,000 is going to be difficult and he would rather have space available and then phase amenities as funds are available. The marketing for the fundraising is going to be intricate. Rick H. presented that his interpretation of the work session with city council wasn't necessarily about the size but that what is provided is better than what we had. John M. said the footprint should be based upon 14,000 square feet but definitely not less than 12,000. Debby B. agrees with Mike D. and feels the property needs to be claimed or otherwise it may not be there later.
  - h. Wayne B. asked if all members were in agreement to have the footprint as 14,000 square feet for Kids' Kingdom. Response was yes.
  - i. Keith reiterated that going with 14,000 square feet leads that the fundraising goal will be about \$200,000 if basing the structure on \$300,000. Jermel S. recommended that Flower Mound, as well as another nearby community could meet with members to discuss their successful methods of fundraising.
  - j. Mike D. made motion to rebuild Kids' Kingdom at 14,400 square foot with a total fundraising goal of \$350,000. Brownie S. seconded the motion. All were in favor.
  - k. Jermel S. asked that the board communicate the fundraising goals to Partners since they will be involved in the fundraising of this project.
  - l. Jermel S. asked for planning of the format for the field trip on September 28, 2013. Mike D., Ken R. and Lonnie C. going September 20, 2013 at 9:00am since they are unable to attend September 28<sup>th</sup>. Jermel S. feels it is important for all members to be present together but members feel waiting until October is too long to wait.
4. 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.
  5. 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.
  6. Ken R. motioned to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Rick H. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

  
Wayne Baxter, Chairman

  
Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director