



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mike DeLatte, Lonnie Cornwell, Rhett Bowers, Wayne Baxter, Eric Bonilla, Linda Fugitt, Rick Helfers, Brownie Sherrill, Ken Romaine, Bill Gilbreath

ABSENT: Erika Holliman, Matt Grubisich

VISTORS:

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director; Shelly Monroe, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services

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1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
 2. Quorum present.
 3. Mike Delatte motioned to accept the March 12, 2014 minutes. Lonnie Cornwell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous for approval by those members present.
 4. Park Land Dedication ordinance and/or formula for park development and subdivisions – Marc Kurbansade
 - a. M. Kurbansade showed a power point presentation that covered parkland dedication, master fee schedule and parks pro-rata. This included information such as master fee scheduling showing a single family unit as \$594, a multi-family unit as \$306, 73 permits equaling \$43,362 were issued as of year-to-date, and that the park pro-rata is a separate fund.
 - b. M. Kurbansade distributed a handout about sec 77-503 Open Space Code of Ordinance.
 - c. Questions were asked and answers provided.
 5. Update on the Parks Trails Emergency Signs Program
 - a. Jermel Stevenson asked for this item to be placed on next month's agenda because he would like the Parks Manager to educate more definite successes with the board and he was unable to be present for this meeting.
 - b. He continued to share it was learned that although Dallas has similar signs they did not educate the community. Rowlett is going to perform a couple drills and will share the results with this board.
 6. Director's Report – Jermel Stevenson
 - a. Provided information on the senior programs.
 - b. Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 12th in Downtown Rowlett. Twenty-thousand eggs were sprinkled throughout the Library lawn for the children who came out for the event. Approximately 2,300 people were in attendance. The event also included a DJ, bounce houses provided by Catalyst Church, a blow up slide, face painting and blow up balloon animals provided by Lake Cities Community Church, a petting zoo, local vendors and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Fifteen local vendors came out to the event to market their businesses.
 - c. Kid Fish event was held on Saturday, April 26th at Community Park. The event was sponsored by *Academy Sports and Outdoor* of Garland. Two-hundred and fifty people came out for the event and



50 fish were caught this year. In comparison in 2013, only 27 fish were caught. Fishing poles and trophies were given out to the winners in each age category for "First Fish Caught" and "Longest Fish Caught". Overall, the longest catfish reeled in was 22 inches in length. Cole Bowman, a four year old, reeled in six fish and also caught the first fish of the event, seconds after the horn went off at 9:00 a.m.

- d. The first "Rowlett Cardboard Boat Regatta" took place on Saturday, April 26th as well. Participants and teams made their boats from cardboard and raced them across the pond at Community Park. Seven boats raced and the "Pittman Pontoon" came in first place! A plaque was given out to them as well as the "Mil Her Flight" and "SS Minnow" who finished in 2nd place and 3rd place respectively. Awards were given out for the "The Best Construction Technique", "Best Decorated Boat" and "The Best Spectacular Sinking", also known as the "Titanic Award". This event also featured a "Social Media Contest" that was sponsored by *Raising Canes*. KB's Brats brought out their food trailer and served breakfast and lunch all day long for event participants. The attendance was approximately 100 people. Congratulations to all the winners!
 - e. Wet Zone Waterpark is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 17. Staff has been busy at the Wet Zone getting the Park ready for the 2014 summer season. The five new umbrellas from the Playground Shade and Surfacing Depot were installed on Tuesday, April 22nd. Trees have been trimmed throughout the Park and one dead tree has been removed from the island on the lazy river and the top for the wooden serving area next to Haley's Hunger Hut has been repaired and will be repainted. New sign posts were installed last week for the signs at the rear of the Park labeling pavilions and cabanas and the facility water cutoff valves have been replaced by Public Works. This joint effort with the Public Works team helped the Wet Zone staff save money by providing the labor to make the repairs once the new parts were purchased.
 - f. Upcoming events: Memorial Day Celebration- Saturday, May 24th- 10:00am - 1:00pm and Fireworks on Main- Friday, July 4th - 6:00pm-10:00pm-Featuring Grammy Award Winning Artist Sheena Easton.
 - g. J. Stevenson mentioned there have been reports of dumping issues at Paddle Point Park. The department will work with the Police Department and Code Enforcement to see if there is any type of trend. A similar issue that was occurring at Scenic Point Park has decreased since work on the park has begun.
 - h. W. Baxter asked why the swings and teeter totter are missing at Kenwood Park. J. Stevenson expressed he believes they were removed for repairs and will be replaced.
7. Public announcements by members of the Board and/or staff.
- a. W. Baxter announced Bill Gilbreath is pursuing his doctoral degree and will work at a new campus in Frisco. Due to this he will resign from the board in September.
 - b. L. Cornwell shared that Keep Rowlett Beautiful for the month of April had 345 volunteers for the Great American Clean-Up. The electronic round-up and shredding event disposed of 12,000lbs of paper and 17,000lbs of electronics.
 - c. M. Delatte voiced he would like to see more help at Community Park because of how persons are parking it is tearing up the grass and irrigation which are city assets. He expressed concern for safety issues of the youth too. Eric Bonilla asked if VIPS could place flyers on vehicles to bring awareness. Linda Fugitt responded that she can ask about this as well as extra patrol on Saturdays. L. Fugitt asked if signs could be placed in the grassy areas to bring attention to the parking restriction. J. Stevenson answered this could be possible.



8. Members of the Board requested topics for future agenda meetings.
- a. L. Cornwell questioned why Kids Kingdom is not on the agenda. J. Stevenson and W. Baxter explained that the master plans for Herfurth Park is presented to City Council in June therefore until a decision is made about those plans such as approving the master plan without Kids Kingdom there are no updates to discuss.
 - b. M. Delatte requested an update on Scenic Point Park.
9. B. Sherrill motioned to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. R. Bowers seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.



Wayne Baxter, Chairman



Jernel Stevenson, Parks and Recreation Director