



**City of Farmers Branch**  
**Minutes**  
**Parks & Recreation Board**

Farmers Branch  
Community Recreation Center  
14050 Heartside  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, April 18, 2024

6:30 PM

Pecan Room

**Meeting held at 6:30 PM**

**PRESIDING:** Jan Wooldridge

**PRESENT:** David Jones  
Barbara Leedy  
Jennifer Nelson Smith  
Stephen Stremel  
Adriane Young  
Margaret Young, Emeritus

**ABSENT:** Robert Stewart  
Patricia Lavelle

**STAFF:** Robert Diaz, Director, Parks & Recreation  
Mark Moffeit, Parks Superintendent  
Linda Gaucin, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent

**A. CALL TO ORDER.**

Jan Wooldridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**C. AGENDA ITEMS**

**C.1 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 21, 2024, MEETING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.**

David Jones moved to approve the March 21, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Nelson-Smith. Motion carried.

**C.2 CURRENT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART.**

Robert Diaz presented the Parks and Recreation Department organization chart. In his presentation Robert informed the Board that Geoff Fairchild had resigned as the Special Event Manager.

**C.3 REVIEW OF THE RENDERINGS FOR MERCER PARK AND SQUIRE PARK.**

In compliance with the Board's request, Robert presented the renderings of Mercer Park and Squire Park. Construction on Mercer Park should begin next year. Completion of Phase 1 is expected in 2025. Squire Park is still in the planning stages.

No action taken.

**C.4 REVIEW AND UPDATE ON DENTON DRIVE CONSTRUCTION AND DISCUSS FUTURE OF OUTDOOR ICE RINK.**

Denton Drive construction has begun. There was further discussion concerning the future site of the Ice Rink.

No action taken.

**C.5 RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON GATEWAY TO THE GLOBE EVENT.**

Robert presented a recap of the Gateway to the Globe event on March 23. The total attendance was over 2,100. Board members who attended gave very positive feedback regarding the Event.

No action taken.

**C.6 RECEIVE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE.**

Mark provided an update on the Dutch Village Park rehabilitation. He is confident that insurance will cover a portion of the costs. Mark also provided the Board with an update on Joya. Currently, staffing is only Friday-Sunday. Staffing will be reassessed for Summer, when school is out. Jessica provided an update on Venue 1842. The first event scheduled is the RL Turner 1974 Class Reunion. Mark informed the Board of the security issues at Oran Good Turf which has resulted in the temporary closure of the park.

No action taken.

**C.7 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON PARKS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS, OR FACILITIES ATTENDED IN THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH.**

Updates were given by Board members concerning activities attended. In particular, the recent Denton Drive concert at the Historical Park. Board members who attended expressed the need for more food trucks. If that is not possible, perhaps attendees can bring coolers. Also, the lack of lighting on the street from the Park to the parking lot caused security concerns for the attending Board members.

No action taken.

**C.8 DISCUSS POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**

The following items were discussed as potential items for future meetings:

- Enhanced communication to Board members
- Community Garden

No action taken.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Adriane Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Barbara Leedy. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

**Note: Full video of the meeting is available on the FBTV channel on YouTube.**

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Jan Wooldridge, Acting  
Chair

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Stephen Stremel, Secretary