



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

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

Parks & Recreation Board

Thursday, July 14, 2022

6:30 PM

Pecan Room

Meeting held at 6:30 PM

PRESIDING: Robert Stewart, Chair

PRESENT: Daniel Musto, Secretary
Janice Wooldridge
Rinkesh Desai
Jessica Zavala, Vice-chair
Adriane Young
Christine Dimon
Barbara Leedy, Alternate 1
David Reid, Alternate 2
Margaret Young, Emeritus

STAFF: Rachael Arroyo, Recreation Superintendent

A. CALL TO ORDER

Robert Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No action taken.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 CONDUCT BOARD INTRODUCTIONS.

No action taken.

C.2 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MAY 19, 2022 MEETING; AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

A motion was made by Christy Dimon to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jessica Zavala. Motion carried.

C.3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR; AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Daniel Musto made a motion to approve Jessica Zavala for the elected position of Vice-Chair of the Parks & Recreation Board of Farmers Branch, Texas. The motion was seconded by Adriane Young. Motion carried.

C.4 RECEIVE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE.**Staffing Update**

Rachael Arroyo delivered the update on Parks and Recreation by discussing four staff members who would be, or are already, assuming larger roles within the department as follows:

- Megan Bernard: Advancement to *Events Specialist*
 - Ashley Muñoz: Advancement to *Assistant Manager* of the Aquatics Center
 - Jessica Alvarado: Advancement to *Recreation Manager* of the Farmers Branch Recreation Center
 - Maria Minter: Advancement to *Arts & Nature Tourism Manager*
- Rachael proceeded to touch on the Parks & Recreation Department's commitment to building up and promoting personnel from within, as demonstrated by the aforementioned individuals.

Bond Package

Rachael continued on to summarize the current situation with the potential "Quality of Life" bond proposal. Question were asked about the pros and cons of the bond package vs. alternative funding strategies.

Timeline if approved to go forward:

- July 19th, 3:00 pm: Open study session on the bond proposal.
- August 18th: City Council meeting wherein a final decision will be made.
- November 8th: General election wherein the proposal will be voted on.

Parks and Recreation Photo Contest

Adriane Young representing the Parks & Recreation department. Additional information to follow.

No action taken.

C.5 RECEIVE RECREATION MEMBERSHIP HEAT MAP.

Two GIS mappings of the Recreation Center's members were shown. The brighter/more yellow areas on the first map correspond to denser membership. The darker green areas on the second map corresponds to areas with more memberships.

No action taken.

C.6 RECEIVE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CALENDAR.

- The Parks & Recreation calendar for the remainder of 2022 was presented.
- Board members were reminded of obligations to complete both annual (ethics) and onetime (sexual harassment, Open Meetings Act) training.
- There was a correction to the calendar as presented: October's date should list "10/20/22" instead of "10/13/22" as the standard meeting date.
- Voting to omit the December meeting, as has historically been chosen often than not, was discussed and was tabled until a meeting date closer to the month in question.

No action taken.

C.7 DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS.

Bob Stewart discussed his experience at the 4th of July celebration. Concerns raised included the location of the reserved seating, which was suboptimal being along the tree line as well as exposed to direct sun.

Janice Wooldridge raised the discussion of community gardens and possibly expanding the project to temporarily consume vacant city-owned lots.

The Nature Preserve project was raised for discussion but Rachael Arroyo indicated that progress was minimal and did not warrant sufficient material to be relevant for this month's meeting.

Jessica Zavala introduced the volleyball court project and requested clarification on the grass strip that divides the concrete and the sand play area. Rachael Arroyo responded by verifying that the width of the grass strip was sufficient so as to not put players in danger of possibly hitting the concrete during regular play.

No action taken.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Adriane Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Stewart. Motion carried.

The Park Board meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Robert Stewart, Chair

Daniel Musto, Secretary