

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order: Chairperson Gary Johnson

Invocation: Board Member Mike Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairperson Gary Johnson

Roll Call: Those in attendance were, Chairperson Gary Johnson, Vice Chairperson David Fawcett (6:08pm), and Board Member Michael Jones.

Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed and Administrative Assistant Anaëli Quinones.

Meeting began at 6:09pm.

Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed covered the announcements. He talked about excusing Board Member Roach for not being able to attend, and how she's moving into the alternate seat for the Board Meetings. He also excused Board Member Eden as the meeting got moved from its original schedule on Thursday, and Mr. Eden was out of town. He discussed the upcoming events such as the Library having their Halloween Spectacular on October 30th, 2018, the approach he had from 863 Magazine about having a Downtown Farmers Market soon, the Christmas Parade is taking place on December 8th and it will start at Central Park, go down on Cummings to State Road 17, and end at the Gardner Park. We are still taking applications for the parade and wanting to build more from last year's parade. **Chairperson Johnson** asked if there are guidelines for the parade floats. **Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed** answered that as long as you have lights and Christmas decorations then it's ok. The categories for the Prizes are: Best Theme – Business, Organization/Non Profit, and Youth. There were no more announcements.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: MAY 17, 2018

Chairperson Johnson asked to make a motion to approve the minutes for May 17, 2018; **Vice Chairperson Fawcett** made the motion, seconded by **Board Member Jones** and motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

Chairperson Johnson asked if there was anyone in the audience to step up to the podium and speak. There was no one. He asked if anyone had any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

1) DISCUSSION ON MASTER PLAN PROJECT FOR FRUITLAND PARK.

Parks and Recreation Director Weed stated that the purpose is to talk about every park listed on the agenda and the improvements from the Master Plan for the purpose of applying for grants in the future. For specific grants like the FRDAP, they give points based on discussion of it in an advisory board. He wants to list every project individually moving forward for any type of grant, not just the FRDAP. An amendment was just made to the Comp Plan, adding the CIP to that, which also provides points in the future as well. He pointed to the attachment which is the Master Plan for the parks. It has the Guiding Principles and General Master Plan Recommendations. The Guiding Principles are recommendations as well for every park. He explained the guiding principles listed and also the park specific Master Plan Recommendations. He read the recommendation listed in the Master Plan for Fruitland Park, which is also Lake Swoope Park. He said the amenities listed there will be moved to the Highlands Center, the playground needs to be replaced and maybe add an extra pavilion as well. He said no vote is required, just discussing them specifically. He asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Chairperson Johnson moved on to the next business item.

2) DISCUSSION ON MASTER PLAN PROJECT FOR TWIN LAKES PARK.

Parks and Recreation Director Weed read the recommendation listed in the Master Plan for Twin Lakes Park and Lake Swoope Boat Ramp. A lot of people already think that Twin Lakes is a dog park, so that is why the recommendation to add a dog park is listed. **Chairperson Johnson** asked where the area would be. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** answered no that would be something to move towards in the future since there are people that also use the gazebo for spontaneous weddings. But he said that maybe on the west end, closer to the beach grove. They were talking about different spots that are currently opened or available. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Chairperson Johnson moved on to the next business item.

3) DISCUSSION ON MASTER PLAN PROJECT FOR LAKE ROCHELLE PARK.

Parks and Recreation Director Weed referred to page 55 of the Master Plan attachment provided. He read the recommendation listed in the Master Plan for Lake Rochelle Park and

Boat Ramp stating that it is heavily used for boat launching and fishing tournaments. He said it would be one of the harder projects because of the grants having to be 50% of the cost of what they want. He gave an example referencing replacing the dock, which is already scheduled, and adding other things. He spoke of the aluminum dock with the composite decking that will be coming, which it is already down at Haines and people love. He also stated that there's an opportunity to repair the boat ramp, replace that picnic pavilion, pave the area, and help the parking with stripes. **Chairperson Johnson** asked if the City has had any issues with RV campers. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** answered by saying it has been very rarely. He asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Chairperson Johnson moved on to the next business item.

4) DISCUSSION ON MASTER PLAN PROJECT FOR LAKE HAINES BOAT RAMP.

Parks and Recreation Director Weed started talking about the improvements that have been made so far by partnering with the Canal Commission and some of the things were cheaper to do than what was listed. He read the recommendation listed in the Master Plan for Lake Haines Boat Ramp. Dock and boat ramp are complete, parking is next and also looking for a pavilion with a picnic table. Also sturdy trash cans for all the parks. **Chairperson Johnson** asked if the trash cans are bolted down or if they get vandalized. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** said that some but most are not bolted down like the ones at Twin Lakes since they are so heavy. He gave an example of a plastic trash can being burned on Haines Blvd. a couple of years ago. He's already getting quotes on picnic pavilion and that should be the model for Lake Rochelle too by clearing the lakefront, the cypress trees, get the boat ramp repaired, etc. **Chairperson Johnson** asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Chairperson Johnson moved on to the next business item.

5) DISCUSSION ON MASTER PLAN PROJECT FOR ECHO TERRACE PLAYGROUND.

Parks and Recreation Director Weed read the recommendation listed in the Master Plan for the Echo Terrace Playground. He said that we have partnered with CEBG Grant with the County and will receive \$30,000 to go towards the playground and get some of the picnic tables moved along with a new pavilion. **Chairperson Johnson** asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Chairperson Johnson moved on to the next business item.

6) DISCUSSION ON MASTER PLAN PROJECT FOR LAKE ECHO BOAT RAMP.

Parks and Recreation Director Weed read the recommendation listed in the Master Plan for Lake Echo Boat Ramp. He said the idea was to move the boat ramp in line with the road, just like Haines where the road dead ends into the lake and it gives some parking to the side. Replacement of the dock is needed although is not heavily used. **Board Member Jones** asked which boat ramp was listed because there is a dock on the other side, which will be brought up at the next meeting **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** said. He also stated that we will be talking about all these again next year, because they have to be talked about once a year to be able to check it off on the grants applied for. **Chairperson Johnson** asked if there were any questions. **Board Member Jones** asked if we need another member for the Board with Mr. Eden coming on and Mrs. Roach being an alternate. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** answered that Ron Schelfo is supposed to start his term in October or November, just like Mr. Eden. Mr. Eden was just finishing Ms. Thornton's term.

Chairperson Johnson asked if there were any citizens to come up and speak before the Board. There was no one. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Chairperson Johnson made the motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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