AGENDA


Key Discussion: Darren McCarthy, Parks and Recreation Board Director, asked the Board to review the minutes for January meeting as presented and take action as necessary.

ACTION: Julia Worley, made a motion, seconded by Rudy Guerrero, that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

2. CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR THE SEABOURNE CREEK NATURE CENTER.

Key Discussion: Darren McCarthy presented the proposed Seabourne Creek Nature Center. The Nature Center subcommittee has been working on it to present to Council. The purpose of this project is to create an exciting and fun environment where visitors can experience nature through direct observation and learn to love the outdoors and appreciate the beauty of nature. By enhancing the experience of the outdoors, this center will provide a place for children and guests of all ages to develop a passion for the natural world and understand the role of nature in our environment.

George Zepeda asked will the center be open all the time. Mr. McCarthy stated the parks are only open from dawn to dusk so the center will have the same hours. Mr. Zepeda also asked will someone be maintaining the center during the day. Darren stated potentially one staff member to start, specifically to help with the scheduling and things like that. Travis Tanner also stated that the Operational Budget would have to be taken into consideration.
in addition to the construction cost. So, that’s certainly something we have our eye on. Theresa Bailey also suggested asking for volunteers. Darren McCarthy included, that’s where the idea of partnering with the Master Naturalists, any of the educational programs and things like that which are going on out there, we definitely try to use that resource then, maximized that and get them in front of the volunteers with the school kids. Amanda Barta was excited and thinks that it’s a great idea. Darren McCarthy did inform everyone that one of the concerns when there is a project like this, is that everyone is worried about the cost. But it’s something that is truly believed to be phased in and we will eventually get to it. We would love to get 2.9 million dollars right now and build it today. Amanda Barta mentioned that there are so many grants around this country and going through the schools too, could get some grants as well. Travis Tanner also mentioned the opportunities to partner. Darren McCarthy explained the major reason for a presentation such as this, so they will have a visual of such great center. If we would try to go without the presentation, and ask for money, they’re not as likely to give it to us. Darren McCarthy showed everyone the other packet that will be the funding brochure. Jamie Williams worked hard to make it photocopy well. It basically is going to be a brochure that’s going to be about six inches by four inches, and this will be the thing that you leave with the people when the presentation is over.

**ACTION:** George Zepeda, made a motion, seconded by Julia Worley, on the conceptual plans for the Seabourne Creek Nature Center. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

3. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS EGG-CELLENT EASTER EGG HUNT, AND TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY TO DIRECT STAFF.**

**Key Discussion:** Darren McCarthy introduced Egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt. Carrie Kmiec will be getting with Julia Worley to be giving their thousands of eggs and thousands of pieces of candy that we want the kids to eat. We need to get going on filling the eggs. Julia Worley asked how soon would you like to start. She stated her pals and the student council is ready to start. Darren mentioned to maybe wait on the candy part if it’s going to go bad, but if you want to start doing the trinkets now, that’s fine. Julia recalled last year she set up things in one big room and all the kids could show up to help and get their hours.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON TOWER OF REFUGE CHURCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT TRAVIS PARK AND/OR GARCIA PARK ON APRIL 22, 2017.**

**Key Discussion:** There was nobody present to speak about this event. Carrie Kmiec stated she would try to contact them to see if they would be able to make it to the next Parks Board Meeting in March. Darren McCarthy asked Carrie to place an administrative hold on that day based on anticipating they are going to come talk to us.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON PARK LAND DEDICATION FUND NO. 221- ANALYSIS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND PAVILION AND ATHLETIC FIELD FEE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.**

**Key Discussion:** Darren McCarthy directed everyone to the bottom of the first page of the Park Land Dedication Fund. There is a part that says “NOT YET FILED-TBD”. All those sections, Bonbrook Plantations, Section 9, Walnut Creek, Sections 15 and 16, and Bonbrook Plantations, Section 6, means there is money that is in the process of being added to the Park Land Dedication Fund in this fiscal year, which is another $200,000. That’s always a very good thing for Parks. Also, if you go to page 3 of 3 status page on the Funded Parks Project. If you place your attention to the bottom of that page where it says Fiscal Year 2017 Park Improvement CP#1701 RDC Project Fund Travis Park. They are engineering and designing right now for the shade structure that’s going to go up at Travis Park. If you have driven by Harwood Park recently, you saw the shade structure is finally done. The playground is covered now and we were able to do that with the Park Land Dedication Funds. Those two shade structures are going to be nice improvements for the City of Rosenberg. The regular field and pavilion rentals are historically not huge in January. But based on the report that I saw for this weekend, they are going to be huge for February. So, all of those numbers will be increasing next month for sure.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Key Discussion:** Carrie Kmiec was glad to announce the Fish-tastic this past weekend was great. More than 75 kids showed up and caught over thirty fish. It was fun. Darren McCarthy mentioned a lot of the kids that caught largemouth bass threw them back in the water. People kept the trout and catfish. One of the bass had been thrown in a couple of times by the scars on the side of its face. The biggest was eighteen inches, and the smallest was maybe three inches. There was this one kid that had his fishing spot and he was using a cane pole, and the string was the same. He knew exactly where to put it and he kept catching those little blue gills by the dozens. He moved up an age group this year and still caught about 12 fish. Carrie also announced a new kickball league that is starting in March. It is posted on Facebook. We have been getting good feedback so far. Carrie said that she is going to drive around Friday and Monday and post flyers in the HOA’s and different apartment complexes.

7. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION:** There being no further business of the Parks and Recreation Board, Rudy Guerrero made a motion, seconded by George Zepeda, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Carrie Kmiec
Recreation Programs Coordinator