CITY OF ROSENBERG
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On this the 27th day of April 2017, the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas, met in a Regular Session at Rosenberg Civic Center located at 3825 Hwy. 36 South, Rosenberg, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Teresa Bailey
Amanda Barta
Rudy Guerrero
Ray Kueck
Julia Worley
Parks and Recreation Board Chairman
Parks and Recreation Board Vice Chairman
Parks and Recreation Board Member
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MEMBERS ABSENT
Bertha Nell Kelm
George Zepeda
Parks and Recreation Board Member
Parks and Recreation Board Member

STAFF PRESENT
Darren McCarthy
Carrie Kmiec
Parks and Recreation Director
Recreation Programs Coordinator

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
Teresa Bailey, Parks and Recreation Board Chairman, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.


Key Discussion: Carrie Kmiec, Recreation Programs Coordinator, asked the Board to review the minutes for March meeting as presented and take action as necessary.

ACTION: Ray Kueck, made a motion, seconded by Amanda Barta, that the minutes be accepted. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

2. Consideration of and action on a request by Dream 4 Adoption for a fund-raising walk in Seabourne Creek Nature Park on October 21, 2017.

Key Discussion: The individual did not show up to the meeting to present on this agenda item.

3. Consideration of and action on park improvement requests to the Rosenberg Development Corporation for FY2018.

Key Discussion: Darren McCarthy explained the capital budget request for this next year. We will be carrying funds over for the Nature Park Center from this past fiscal year. Essentially, he plans on offsetting it with $75,000 from Park Land Dedication Funds and $75,000 additional from RDC. This will allow us to work with an architect and an engineer to develop plans so we can go out and bid for the Nature Center. Mayor McConathy has been working with Darren and Fort Bend Green to get a recognized canoe/kayak launch site. The best place to do that is at Tony Becerra Park. There is a National Trails Grant that is now available for canoe and kayak launch sites. This grant works with the National Parks Service. The funds that you pay in gasoline is what fund this grant. Very few
people know about this grant, we have a good chance of getting it. The challenge is going to be that we must create a trail and find another launch site to connect with. Rather than asking RDC for the whole $100,000, it is an 80/20 grant. This means that we would only have to put in $20,000.00 and the grant would pay for the remaining $80,000. Fort Bend Green has been working with Darren to find another launch site. They also have been working with some architects to come up with some designs that are deemed to be flood tolerant. There was about $5,000 in savings from the shade structure at the Travis Park. Mayor McConathy put Darren in touch with a resident that lives in North Rosenberg. The resident would like us to transform the tennis courts that are in Brazos Park into a handball court. He would like to use the remaining $5,000 to do so. Darren will be taking these three ideas to RDC meeting in May. He will be asking RDC $75,000 for the Nature Center, $20,000 towards the 80/20 grant, and permission to use the remaining $5,000 for the handball court.

**ACTION:** Amanda Barta, made a motion, seconded by Julia Worley, to accept the park improvement request to the Rosenberg Development Corporation for FY2018. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

4. Review and discuss selection of specific lighting colors for the Seabourne Creek Nature Park Gazebo variable LED strip lighting to recognize certain national ‘Awareness’ months throughout the year, and take action as necessary.

**Key Discussion:** Carrie Kmiec, Recreation Programs Coordinator did some research on recognized national “Awareness” months and put together a list for the new lights on the gazebo. The colors of the lights can be changed easily. Darren McCarthy showed everyone a sample of the light strips. There is a controller box at the gazebo. Darren and Carrie also have the apps on their phone to control the lights. Within the app there are default patterns and schedules. These lights would be left on all night. Amanda Barta asked the lights would be left on all evening and Darren answered yes. Amanda is excited about the lights. Julia Worley asked if we will put it on the website to promote it. Darren said that we would more than likely take pictures and post it on Facebook. Carrie asked if the lights would be a part of the gazebo rentals and Darren said yes, they would.


**Key Discussion:** Darren McCarthy mentioned that there is not really anything new that has come in. The last thing was in February. A requested FY20 improvements will be rolled back into the park land dedication funds. We will use that on other projects that we are working on. FY2017 Park improvements is the $5,000 for the handball court from the savings of the shade structure at Travis. The weather has been beautiful and park rentals have been up.

**ACTION:** Amanda Barta, made a motion, seconded by Julia Worley, to accept the Park Land Dedication Fund No.221- Analysis of Revenues, Expenditures, and Pavilion and Athletic Field Fee Reports for the month of March 2017. [no vote]

6. Review and discuss the draft schedule for the 2017 Family 4th Celebration event, and take action as necessary.

**Key Discussion:** Carrie Kmiec, Recreation Programs Coordinator gave a brief overview for the 2017 Family 4th event. The Family 4th event is about the same as 2016. There will be wagon rides, food vendors, children vendors, inflatables, band, and fireworks. The band this year is The Triumphs and we have a new fireworks company, Magic in the Sky. Amanda Barta mentioned that the fireworks at the Skeeters’ games are always so nice and she would like us to find out what company does them.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Key Discussion:** Amanda Barta brought up that there are many residents are requesting a dog park or make one of the parks able to have dogs. They would like to have a park dedicated to dogs or at least a fenced in area that has a big enough area for the dogs to run. She would like Darren to put this topic on the agenda so we can further the discussion. Darren said the main issue with dog parks for other cities is that their staff calls in on the day when the dog park is on scheduled to be cleaned. One of the suggestions Darren has made to past City Managers is
that we own 20 acres in Zone 8 that could be used for a dog park. The city purchased it many years ago to make it a potential park. Darren reminded everyone that the MLB Pitch, Hit and Run event is on Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 a.m. Darren also announced that the Rosenberg Civic Center is now part of the Parks department.

8. ADJOURMENT

ACTION: There being no further business of the Parks and Recreation Board, Julia Worley made a motion, seconded by Amanda Barta, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. **no vote**

Carrie Kmiec
Recreation Programs Coordinator