CITY OF ROSENBERG
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On this the 25th day of May 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 Parks and Recreation Board Chairman
Amanda Barta Parks and Recreation Board Vice-Chairman
Rudy Guerrero Parks and Recreation Board Member
Ray Kueck Parks and Recreation Board Member
Julia Worley Parks and Recreation Board Member
George Zepeda Parks and Recreation Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT
Bertha Nell Kelm Parks and Recreation Board Member

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

GUESTS PRESENT
Kathie Stone Patanjali Meditation
Erasmo (Kino) McHaney Hispanics Offering People Education (H.O.P.E)
Kimberly Ashbrook Dream 4 Adoption

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.

1. Consideration of and action on Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes for April 27, 2017. (Kmiec)

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

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

2. Review and discuss a request to hold meditation classes at the Rosenberg Civic Center, and take action as necessary. (Kmiec)

Key Discussion: Kathie Stone presented on Patanjali Meditation classes that she would like to have at the Civic Center for programming. Meditation is a tool used to regain control of the mind. It is a mental exercise and her goal is to help people in our neighborhood to learn the skill of meditation. Patanjali Meditation teaches people how to understand the mind and take control of all of its parts using the Eight Limbs of Yoga. Experts say it helps relieves stress, it is medicine for the mind and is best when practiced daily. It can also reduce blood pressure. She posted a single query on Nextdoor.com. She currently has twenty-two (22) interested in the class. She has also reached out to Rosenberg Police Department and LCISD Teachers. She currently does classes with Alief Community Center in Houston and Humble. Meditation has been proven to be good for children. George Zepeda commented that meditation also helps with cancer. Mr. Zepeda also asked if there would be a charge, and Ms. Stone said there was not. Amanda Barta asked how long the class will be. Ms. Stone said there would be some training before, but the actual meditation will be 20-30 minutes.
ACTION: Rudy Guerrero made a motion, seconded by George Zepeda to accept the request to hold meditation classes at the Rosenberg Civic Center. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

3. Consideration of and action on a request by Hispanics Offering People Education (H.O.P.E) to hold a softball tournament at Travis Park on July 22, 2017. (Kmiec)

Key Discussion: Erasmo (Kino) McHaney with Hispanics Offering People Education (H.O.P.E.) would like to do a softball tournament to raise money for scholarships for children. In the past they also took donations to nursing homes. He has put the word out and has received so much feedback that he will more than likely need two fields instead of one. He mentioned that food will be available for donation. Darren McCarthy reminded him that he will need to get with the health department to make sure he knows all the regulations. Amanda Barta asked if they charge for teams to compete and Kino said yes it will be around $160 per team. It will be a co-ed tournament. Kino asked if they can do 50/50. Darren said per our ordinance, our parks cannot be used to make a profit. Julia asked if there was a rain date. Kino said he would reach out to the teams to see if there is another weekend that will work, and if not he will give the teams back their money.

ACTION: Amanda Barta made a motion, seconded by George Zepeda to accept Hispanics Offering People Education’s request on holding a softball tournament at Travis Park on July 22, 2017. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

4. Consideration of and action on a request by 4-H and Urban Youth Development to hold a Fishing Education Program at Seabourne Creek Nature Park on June 15, 2017. (Kmiec).

Key Discussion: Amber Foster was not able to attend but Darren McCarthy presented on her behalf since the Seabourne Creek Nature Park pond is open to the public. On June 15, 2017 Fort Bend 4-H would like to host a fishing education class at the pond. There would be approximately be 75 youth and 15 adults attending. They are bringing kids over to fish without charge. Julia Worley asked if they would bring out any shade structures/tents since it will be hot during the time of their event. Carrie Kmiec said that she will remind Ms. Foster that there is not much shade around the pond and recommend bringing pop up tents and water.

ACTION: Amanda Barta made a motion, seconded by Rudy Guerrero to accept 4-H and Urban Youth Development’s request to hold a Fishing Education Program at Seabourne Creek Nature Park on June 15, 2017. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

5. 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. (Kmiec)

Key Discussion: Kimberly Ashbrook presented on Dream 4 Adoption. She is in the process of opening a 501(c)(3). She would like to have an annual fun run/walk at Seabourne Creek Nature Park and has been in touch with Active.com. They have helped her with planning and how she could get donations. However, she will not be using Active.com because of the fee that is associated with them. There will be a small donation to participate in the run. $20 donation for an adult and $25 if they would like a t-shirt. For children, the donation is $10. They want to do this to give back to the community and be able to help other families adopt. Adoption fees are very expensive and very costly at the beginning process. These funds will help them open their 501(c)(3). Julia Worley asked if the 501(c)(3) and Ashbrook are the same organization. Kimberly clarified that the Ashbrook family would be the first family helped and then their goal is to help 10 families a year. Amanda Barta asked if this would be geared toward US adoptions. Ms. Ashbrook said there will not be any stipulation. The only criteria would be that they have their home study completed. The Ashbrook family will get $2,000 dollars and then the rest will go toward the 501(c)(3). The Ashbrook family would like to adopt a child from China with special needs.

ACTION: Julia Worley made a motion, seconded by Rudy Guerrero to accept Dream 4 Adoption’s request to hold a fund-raising walk in Seabourne Creek Nature Park on October 21, 2017. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

6. Review and discuss using Zone 8 parkland property for a proposed dog park, and take action as necessary. (McCarthy)
Key Discussion: Darren McCarthy passed out a map showing Zone 8. Zone 8 would be a great area to put in a dog park. This area is growing very rapidly. This land was originally purchased to expand the flood protection. Mr. McCarthy also passed out papers on Sugar Land’s dog park. Amanda Barta asked if there is a price figure for this project. Mr. McCarthy did not have one at the time. Usually there is an area for small dogs, and one for large dogs. Fencing would be important. Mr. McCarthy will find out some maintenance costs, and other items needed for a dog park for next meeting.

7. Consideration of and action on a Field Use Agreement with the Rosenberg Roughnecks. (McCarthy)

Key Discussion: Darren McCarthy brought this item to Parks Board because the Rosenberg Roughnecks agreement is up and it needs to be extended. Mr. McCarthy’s goal is to take this to a workshop in July and then to City Council in August before the Roughnecks season begins. They have been asked to make additions to the park, and the only addition they have made is adding benches. There were not any comments or concerns on the current agreement. Amanda Barta asked about their usage on the scoreboard. Mr. McCarthy said they can use the scoreboard for free. Ray Kueck asked what the age of the kids are. Mr. McCarthy said they are all between the ages of 8-12. George Zepeda asked if every kid is able to play even if they cannot afford it. Mr. McCarthy said yes, they have scholarships for kids.

ACTION: Amanda Barta made a motion, seconded by George Zepeda to accept the Field Use Agreement with the Rosenberg Roughnecks. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of those present.

8. Review and discuss the Parks and Recreation Board Attendance Report for FY2016-17, and take action as necessary. (McCarthy)

Key Discussion: Darren McCarthy presented the Parks Board attendance list to everyone and asked if they had any questions, concerns, or would like to make any notes because he will be sending the report to the City Secretary. The City Secretary will give the report to Council so they can appoint the new Parks Board in July. Teresa Bailey mentioned that she did not reapply again because her term is up and she would have to be considered an Honorary Member. Rudy Guerrero said that he submitted his application again. Amanda Barta encouraged Teresa Bailey to contact Linda Cernosek to fill out a form because she did not think it was too late to submit.

No action was taken.

9. 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 April 2017. (McCarthy)

Key Discussion: Darren McCarthy directed everyone’s attention to page 1 of 3 of the report. All the fees that came in were in Zone 8. This would help with the dog park and be the potential funding. The reservations have been coming in strong and have increased due to the beautiful weather we have experienced this season.

10. Review and discuss a draft schedule for the 2017 Family 4th Celebration event, and take action as necessary. (Kmiec)

Key Discussion: Carrie Kmiec presented the draft schedule to the Parks Board. Ms. Kmiec and Darren McCarthy met with the production manager for the Triumphs and they will bring in the stage in one day during the weekend. Ms. Kmiec said that she is working with fireworks and the Fire Marshal. She also mentioned that our Fire Marshal is concerned with the fireworks company because they have been very slow getting their paper work turned in. Amanda Barta asked if it is the same company as last year and Ms. Kmiec responded that it was not the same company. Ms. Kmiec and Fire Marshal, Justin Jurek, have both been reaching out to them to get their paperwork turned in. She also mentioned that sponsorships have been coming in very slow this year. Finnegan Auto said that they would not sponsor this year at the $5K level but would at the $1K level only if they still have the exclusiveness. Ms. Barta said not at that level, and Ms. Kmiec agreed. She said that Darren McCarthy and Travis Tanner have already said the same thing. Ms. Kmiec is planning on going to other car dealerships in the upcoming week to personally ask for sponsorships. Ms. Barta suggested some
contact information and would have prefer additional local sponsors. Ms. Kmiec said her goal for sponsorships is $20,000 and she is at $10,000 right now.

**No action was taken.**

11. Announcements.

**Key Discussion:** The swearing in for new City Council members is on Tuesday, June 6th at 6:00 pm at City Hall.


**ACTION:** There being no further business, Amanda Barta made a motion, seconded by George Zepeda to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

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Carrie Kmiec
Recreation Programs Coordinator