

January 16, 2020

**ROCKDALE PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Members:

L.C. Richards
Koye Bleeker
Lisa Benford-Roberts

Absent:

Michael Duncan

City Staff:

Terry Blanchard, City Secretary
Jason Hubbell, Public Works Director
Richard Coppedge, Council Liaison

Call to Order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum of the Park Board members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockdale Park Board was called to order by L.C. Richards at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at City Hall, 505 W Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas.

3. Citizen Communications

No comments.

4A. Review and approve minutes from regular meeting on October 24, 2019

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Benford-Roberts and a second by Board member Bleeker, the Park Board voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4B. Consider and take any necessary action on election of officers (chair and vice-chair)

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Benford-Roberts and a second by Board member Bleeker, the Park Board voted two (2) for and none (0) opposed with one (1) abstention to appoint LC Richards as chair. Board member Richards abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Richards and a second by Board member Bleeker, the Park Board voted two (2) for and none (0) opposed with one (1) abstention to appoint Lisa Benford-Roberts as vice-chair. Board member Benford-Roberts abstained. Motion carried.

4C. Receive an update on Bridge Park

- The Trail of Lights and exhibits were a success and will continue as an annual event
- Memorial Day flags sponsored by the American Legion and the VFW will be on display like last year
- A walking bridge to span the walking trail has been donated by Alcoa
- LED lights will remain on front bridge. Lights from edge of front bridge and flag will be moved to the back bridge.

4D. Receive an update on the Sumuel Park Splash Pad

- Grant is complete and plaques are posted
- Vegetation has been planted. More donated plants will be coming soon.
- Cameras will be installed
- Hopscotch area has been painted
- Ribbon cutting and Grand Opening will be scheduled for April

4E. Receive an update on Veterans Park memorial

Board member Benford-Roberts reported the following:

- Raising funds for five memorials through fliers and presentations. Memorials cost approximately \$1000 each
- Current fundraising balance is at \$2125. VFW donated \$500. American Legion has pledged funds. Brookshires will donate \$100.
- Feels that the memorials are important to our community. Will provide an educational opportunity for our children.
- Goal is to have memorials up by Veterans Day
- Would like to see more red rocks at the park (like the one under sign)

4F. Receive an update on the Y managing the pool for 2020 season and for swim team

- The Y will manage the pool for the 2020 season
- Swim team has 65 participants. The Y will finish the contract. The City will get \$100 per month for the season.
- Swim team is fundraising for equipment. Season is from April – June.
- Lane lines in pool will be repainted within the next month
- Jason Hubbell needs to meet with swim team organizer to verify measurements for lanes
- This season will be practice only for the swim team. Hope to have meets next season.

4G. Discuss and take any necessary action on City Parks projects/maintenance

- Jason Hubbell will order new backboards to replace those vandalized at Moultry Park. Restroom will be repaired as well. Cameras have been installed at the park.
- Want to make sure to keep activities at the parks even though funding is not available
- Consider a movie night at the pool with proceeds going to Veterans Park
- Contact motorcycle clubs or car clubs for events/donations
- Fair Park property will be on the May ballot for citizens to decide the issue

5. Adjournment

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Richards and a second by Board member Bleeker, the Park Board voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 15th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

Barbara Holly for
 Terry Blanchard, City Secretary

APPROVED:

L.C. Richards
 L.C. Richards, Chairman