

July 15, 2021

**ROCKDALE PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

Present:

Members:

L.C. Richards
Brett Boren
Lisa Benford-Roberts
Michelle Larkin

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, City Manager
Jerald Brunson, Public Works Director

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, July 15, 2021, at City Hall, 505 W Cameron Ave, Rockdale, Texas.

3. Citizen Communications

No comments.

4A. Review and approve minutes from regular meeting on January 16, 2020

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Benford-Roberts and a second by Board member Larkin, the Park Board voted four (4) 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 Larkin and a second by Board member Boren, the Park Board voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to maintain current officers (LC Richards – chair; Lisa Benford-Roberts – vice-chair). Motion carried.

4C. Receive an update on Bridge Park

- Introduction of new members and staff
- No responses yet on RFQs for stage
- Jim Gibson (MDD Executive Director) suggested a Master Parks Plan to coordinate how the parks interplay
- Current Bridge Park rendering will be shared with MDD staff
- Walking trails – Fair Park, Skate Park, Patterson Center to Bridge Park

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

- Board member Larkin talked about Splash Pad and asked if repairs were completed. Jerald Brunson replied that repairs would cost \$4,000, so staff is manually turning off and on.
- Mural is expected to go on a wall that will be built
- Need to pursue grant funding

4E. Receive an update on Veterans Park memorial

- Board member Benford-Roberts talked about the five (5) military branches and the monuments she fund-raised to have placed at the park. She touched on the next endeavor by an anonymous citizen who donated the funds for five (5) benches that are across from each monument.
- Board member Boren asked for a Hike and Bike trail. Maybe Bridge Park could have a ¼ mile decomposed granite trail. Look at closed road. Board member Larkin asked who could shred

tires and use them as mulch. Jerald Brunson said he'd been in touch with Temple, Texas and they use a company out of Oklahoma.

4F. Receive an update on the Y managing the pool for 2021 season and for swim team

- Opened Memorial Day weekend
- Swim lessons, pool parties, community events, swim team, and MARC Center
- Pool needs to be refinished. Cost is expected to be \$75,000-\$100,000.

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

- Discussed Moultry Park improvements – court resurfaced, pickle ball court installed, swing sets, etc.
- Dr. Brooks has purchased the Aycock Building and they are starting to clean up the property. Need to advertise that you can practice at Moultry Park.
- Board member Larkin asked that the Board authorize use of grant funds to get park improvements. She suggested the Bark Park be moved to the baseball field at the sewer plant.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Board member Benford-Roberts and a second by Board member Boren, the Park Board voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed to authorize Board to seek grants for park improvements. Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

These minutes approved on the 21st day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:



Terry Blanchard, City Secretary

APPROVED:



L.C. Richards, Chairman