

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
MARCH 26, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kusmierski called the meeting to order March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Marty Kusmierski	Chair, Place 5
	Mike Filis	Vice-Chair, Place 7
	Tracye Tipps	Board Member, Place 1
	Russell Mitchell	Board Member, Place 3
	Vanessa Copeland	Board Member, Place 4
	Dianne Spradling	Board Member, Place 6
Absent:	Suzy Compton	Board Member, Place 2
	Kenneth Reeves	Board Alternate
Staff Members:	Vickie Loftice	Managing Director
	Adrien Pekurney	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
	Bill Thornton	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
	Frank Perez	NRH2O General Manager
	Gary Bechthold	Parks Superintendent
	Stephanie Hee	NRH2O Admissions & Promotions Coord.
	Chelsea Julian	NRH2O Marketing & Sales Manager
	Ron Newman	NRH Centre Membership Services Supr.
	Christina Lopez	Office Coordinator

B. CITIZEN PRESENTATION

There were no requests to speak from the public.

C. ACTION ITEMS

C.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER MITCHELL, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER TIPPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.

C.2 FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO READOPT THE NRH YOUTH PROGRAMS STANDARDS OF CARE ORDINANCE

APPROVED

Mr. Ron Newman, Membership Services Supervisor, presented the annual Youth Programs Standards of Care to the Park and Recreation Board. The Youth Programs Standards of Care provides basic child care regulations for day camp activities operated by the City of North Richland Hills. Adopting the Youth Programs Standards of Care is an annual requirement.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER MITCHELL, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SPRADLING, TO RECOMMEND FORWARDING THE YOUTH PROGRAMS STANDARDS OF CARE ORDINANCE TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED: 5-0.

D. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

D.1 INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBER CHELSEA JULIAN

Mr. Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager, introduce Chelsea Julian who has been hired as the NRH2O Marketing & Sales Manager. Ms. Julian comes to the City of NRH from the American Heart Association. Chelsea will be assisting the water park in reaching their attendance and revenue goals as well as overseeing Group Sales.

D.2 YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS ANNUAL REPORTS

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced each of the Youth Associations who presented their annual reports to the Park and Recreation Board.

- Ben Early, Vice-President, Richland Youth Association
- TJ Fierro, Registrar, Birdville Area Youth Futbol Alliance
- Orlando Ochoa, President, North Richland Girls Softball League

D.3 DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF A DRAFT OF THE FY2019-20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Mr. Bill Thornton, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the FY20 proposed Capital Improvement Program Budget. Mr. Thornton reviewed the funding sources for all the projects and the long range plan. The following new projects are proposed:

- Community Garden Relocation
- Linda Spurlock Park Renovation
- Park Infrastructure Maintenance
- RTC Infrastructure Maintenance

D.4 PRESENTATION OF NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK'S 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

Ms. Stephanie Hee-Johnston, NRH2O Admissions & Promotions Coordinator, presented proposed programs and special events for the 2019 summer season for NRH2O Family Water Park.

E. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

E.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE

Mr. Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager, presented information on NRH2O's 2019 pricing.

NRH2O will be offering tiered pricing, which is different than the traditional amusement park ticket model. Mr. Perez presented the new ticket pricing information.

E.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Bill Thornton, Assistant Director, presented an update on Parks Capital Projects. Highlights included:

- HomeTown Lakes Pedestrian Bridge - Arcadia will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 27 at 11:00 a.m.
- Linda Spurlock Park - City Council approved a contract with Dunaway Associates on February 25; a project kick-off meeting held on March 20. Dunaway is in the process of collecting base data for the renovation project.
- Board Member Copeland relayed information from a friend regarding the height of

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the steps on the playground at Dick Faram park. Staff will check the mulch to make sure it is at the appropriate level.

- Board Member Filis asked if staff could put some crushed granite or something at the crossing for the Cotton Belt Trail at Precinct Line Road. He said there is one section that is often muddy. Staff will take a look at the area and address his concerns.

E.3 PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Gary Bechthold, Parks Superintendent, presented an update on parks maintenance. Highlights included:

- Wind damage and repairs at Walker's Creek Park.
- Richfield Park building renovations completed.
- Adventure World interior restroom renovations completed.
- Green Valley soccer fields renovations completed.
- Athletic fields prepped and ready for adult and youth sports play.
- Painting of the Adventure World woodland excursion completed by Fort Worth Christian School students over spring break. The students also helped stuff Easter eggs for Easter In The Park.
- Upcoming maintenance projects include fence and backstop replacement at Richfield Park, erosion and drainage renovations at Tipps Canine Hollow and installation of playground fall zone material at various city park.

E.4 NRH CENTRE, GRAND HALL, ATHLETICS, SENIOR CENTER, RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director, presented an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Athletics, Senior Center, Tennis Center, and the Grand Hall.

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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Ms. Loftice commented that because Board Member Suzy Compton was unable to attend the meeting, we will present her with a certificate of appreciation for her dedication to the Park and Recreation Board at the next Board meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kusmierski adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Marty Kusmierski, Chair

ATTEST:

Christina Lopez, Office Coordinator