

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order on October 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Tracye Lewis, Chair, Place 1
Shannon Kidd, Place 2
Kieran McMahon, Place 4
Charles Mather, Place 5
Cecille Delaney, Place 6
Sean Nutt, Place 7
Andrew Rivera, Alternate

Absent:

Thomas Osen, Place 3

Staff Members:

Adrien Pekurney, Director
Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director
Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director
Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager
Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager
Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator
Laura Seale, Cultural Arts and Special Events Coordinator
Amber Corley, Grand Hall Supervisor

A.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

B. ACTION ITEMS

B.1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER MATHER, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER KIDD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

C. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

C.1 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT OVERVIEW

Ms. Pekurney and Mr. Arwine presented a general overview of the city's capital project process once a project is approved and adopted in a fiscal year budget.

D. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

D.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE

Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manger, provided an update on activities at NRH2O Waterpark.

-The water park just completed their 30th season, closing out with the third-best overall revenue in park history. The water park's Christmas in July event saw the highest single day attendance since 2016 with nearly 4,500 guests attending. The additional revenue generated by the new Beachside Bay Bungalows helped the park set the overall rental revenue record.

-NRH2O hosted the eighth annual Doggie Beach Bash event benefiting the NRH AARC on September 29. The park welcomed 1,300 people and 900 canines.

-The water park held its annual year-end awards ceremony on Sunday, September 22. The awards are determined by guest, team member and management voting.

-CGC Construction was selected to be the general contractor for the construction of the Nitro Blast by council on September 23.

-For the first time, NRH2O will be hosting a drive-thru animated light show over the holiday season from mid-November through the end of December.

D.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager, provided an update on Parks Capital Projects.

-Northfield Drive Sidewalk Connection from Davis Blvd to Northfield Park: This is completed and was done in conjunction with the Tipps Canine Dog Park Improvements.

-Tommy & Sue Brown Park Playground Replacement with Shade: Demolition will start October 28th, which will take about a week and then construction of the new playground will take two to three weeks.

-Green Valley Safety Fence and Drainage Improvements: The safety fence project is complete. Drainage improvements will commence this winter after BAYFA completes its fall season.

-Cross Timbers Disc Golf: The designer is in the process of finalizing plans in preparation for construction later this fall.

New Projects for 2025:

-Fossil Creek Park Renovation: Field One will be converted to a Pump Track & Skills Park. Fields Two and Three will be practice fields. Lighting and trail enhancement are also part of the plan.

-Kay Granger & Legacy Park Playground Replacement: This construction will take place in Summer 2025.

-North Electric Trail Bridge Deck Replacement: The wood deck will be replaced with a long-lasting alternative.

-Richfield Park Tennis Court to Pickleball Conversion: This project is the result of an Amenity Request.

-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This will be preparing an outlook of our park system for the next five to ten years. Input will come from various sources, including the public.

D.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director, provided an update on parks maintenance and operations.

-A small paver hardscape was installed at the entrance to the Senior Center. This will provide the public the opportunity to honor a loved one with the placement of an engraved paver in that person's honor.

-Signal boxes throughout the city will soon be replaced with updated artwork showcasing the beauty of "Texas Botanicals" blooming in this region of the state.

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-Staff has been working to prepare the holiday lighting ground decor for the upcoming season. The NRH Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Thursday, December 5.

-Fall landscape improvements will soon be underway throughout the city.

-Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park renovations are complete. A variety of tasks were performed such as fence replacement, turf care, tree pruning, and installation of improved signage.

-Drainage improvements were made along the Cottonbelt Trail between Eden Road and Precinct Line Road.

-Staff has been busy prepping all 21 athletic fields for practices and games.

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

Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director, provided an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center, as well as programs and services.

-NRH Centre has had another strong year with membership sales. Attendance and revenue has increased in a number of areas in recreation, such as Kids Club, Fitness and Youth Programming.

-The new season of Pickles n' Paddles Indoor Pickleball League has begun. This is the 5th consecutive sold out league. The Gutterball bowling league started in early September. This runs for six weeks and is held at Bowlero in Watauga.

-Grand Hall is on track to have their third best year since its opening.

-Richland Tennis Center is pleased to partner with local high schools for tournaments and events. The Junior Tennis Team placed third in a recent competition and also took home the Sportsmanship Award for the third straight year.

-NRH Senior Center appreciates the sponsors that make the events at their facility possible. They recently held a Dance and Party to commemorate National Senior Center Month in September.

-Play Today NRH recently held a Nature Walk at Cross Timbers Park, led by Assistant Director Tanner Arwine.

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-Reception for artist Laura Hunt will be held on Wednesday, October 9. Her artwork was featured in the Grand Hall Lobby from June 28 through September 27.

-Autumn Sounds Concert Series was a success with two well-attended events.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**E.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORTS (JULY & AUGUST)
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATE (AUGUST)**

There are no other informational items.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Tracye Lewis, Chair

ATTEST:

Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator