

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order February 3, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Tracye Lewis, Chair
Charles Mather, Vice-Chair
Thomas Osen, Place 3
Sean Nutt, Place 7
Andrew Rivera, Alternate

Absent:

Shannon Kidd, Place 2
Kieran McMahon, Place 4
Cecille Delaney, Place 6

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

A.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

B. ACTION ITEMS

B.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER RIVERA, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR MATHER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.

C. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

C.1 YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS FOR 2024

Ms. Adrien Pekurney introduced Mr. Samuel Robison, President of Birdville Area Youth Futbol Alliance (BAYFA) and Lisa Willis, Vice-President of Richland Youth Association (RYA). They each presented their organization's annual report to the Board.

D. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

D.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE

Mr. Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager, provided an update on activities at NRH2O Family Water Park.

-Hiring and Training Season has started at NRH2O. They intend to interview and hire 350+ seasonal team members who join the park's staff each year. Staff training will begin in late February/early March, followed by management training, leadership training, general orientation and department training.

-The annual Polar Plunge was held on February 1, 2025 and it was another successful event. Over 100 plungers participated and enjoyed the mild air temperature and cooler water temp. Proceeds from this event support more than 4,200 athletes in the Greater Fort Worth Area by partnering with Special Olympics.

-Off Season Activities include necessary repairs and upgrades throughout the facility. Pending furniture replacements include shade structures, luxury loungers and picnic tables.

-The main entry sign to the water park will be replaced with a new one featuring an LED panel facing both sides of Boulevard 26. The sign is expected to be in place by the start of the 2025 season.

-Construction is coming along on the new Nitro Blast. Recent weather issues have slowed them down, but they are still hopeful to have the ride open by Memorial Day weekend.

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D.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager, presented an update on capital projects.

-Tommy & Sue Brown Park Playground Replacement with Shade: Project is complete and open to the public.

-Cross Timbers Disc Golf: The tee-pads and targets have been installed. The only remaining item is the artwork to be finalized and the graphic panels to be installed.

-Fossil Creek Park Renovation: The majority of the park is closed down and renovations have started. A pump track and bicycle skills park is a big part of the improvements being done.

-Kay Granger Park and Legacy Park Playground Replacements: Designs have been finalized and will be taken to council soon. The plan is to have these playgrounds replaced over the Summer of 2025.

-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan: A Request for Qualification (RFQ) will be issued soon to identify qualified planning professionals for a contract to develop the Master Plan. Public input is anticipated to begin in the spring, taking place in various settings to gather a comprehensive range of feedback from all NRH citizens.

D.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

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

-Linda Spurlock Park was recently stocked with 500 rainbow trout by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

-Staff has been working to remedy drainage and erosion issues at NRH2O. This includes drain basins, concrete swales and crushed gravel underneath the slide towers.

-Improvements are being made to various landscapes at the NRH Centre, City Hall and several medians and right-of-way locations.

-To ensure the safety of the public, parks maintenance staff applied ice melt to sidewalks leading to the NRH Centre and City Hall. They also cleared snow from walkways as needed to maintain safe paths.

-Furniture was recently replaced at Tommy & Sue Brown Park. Items include park

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benches, picnic tables and trash cans.

-Flyers were recently handed out door-to-door to the homes around Fossil Creek Park to make them aware of the upcoming improvements. At this point, the renovation is ahead of schedule.

-Athletic field crews have been performing fence repairs in preparation for the upcoming Spring Season. Infield clay and conditioner will be installed in the coming weeks.

-Staff worked to re-grade the infields at Northfield Park to help prevent water from accumulating in undesirable playing areas.

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

Mr. Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director, presented an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, Cultural Arts and Richland Tennis Center.

-The NRH Centre is currently offering its New Year Membership Specials that are valid through February 2025.

-The 33rd Annual Daddy Daughter Valentines Dance will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

-Youth classes for the new year kicked off the week of January 6. These include art classes, karate, dance, gymnastics and sports clinics.

-The Pickles n' Paddles League will start back up on February 12. Gutterball Bowling League had a successful fall season. Staff is already working to finalize dates for the next season to start the end of April or beginning of May.

-The Grand Hall was honored to host NRH Police Chief Mike Young's retirement ceremony, celebrating his incredible service and leadership. They will also host the annual Police and Fire banquets which are coming up at the end of this month.

-Richland Tennis Center will be a host site for 1A and 2A Regionals along with many district meets and area high school tournaments.

-The NRH Senior Center relies heavily on Community Partners in order to offer many of their programs. Their sponsorship programs are already about 80% sold out.

-The Texas Jazz All Stars (TeJAS) performed a great concert on January 2 at the Grand Hall. Another concert is scheduled featuring them in July.

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-They lobby at the Grand Hall will host a Pop-Up Gallery art exhibition, titled "The Art of Teaching", featuring the talented art faculty from BISD. The art will be on display until March 28.

-Play Today NRH is back for another season on March 1. This a great opportunity to encourage families to get outside and PLAY! Future events will be held the first Saturday of April, May and June at various park locations.

-The NRH POP UP Egg Hunts are coming again in April. They will take place at six different parks with the exact locations announced the day of the event.

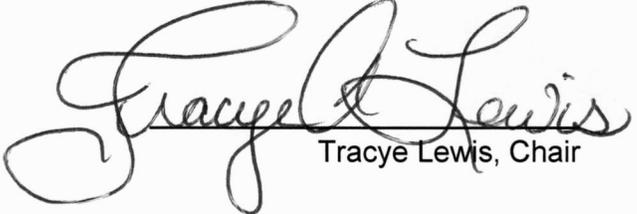
E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**E.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORTS (NOVEMBER - DECEMBER)
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATES (DECEMBER - JANUARY)**

There are no other informational items.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.


Tracie Lewis, Chair

ATTEST:


Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator