

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
AUGUST 5, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Adrien Pekurney, Director of Parks and Recreation, called the meeting to order on August 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Shannon Kidd, Board Member, Place 2
Thomas Osen, Board Member, Place 3
Kieran McMahon, Board Member, Place 4
Charles Mather, Board Member, Place 5
Cecille Delaney, Board Member, Place 6
Andrew Rivera, Board Alternate

Absent:

Tracye Lewis, Vice-Chair, Place 1
Sean Nutt, Board Member, Place 7

Staff Members:

Adrien Pekurney, Director
Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director
Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager
Stephanie Johnston, NRH2O Assistant General Manager
Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager
Garrett Peek, NRH Centre Manager
Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator

A.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

A.2 INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Adrien Pekurney asked all of the Park Board Members to introduce themselves.

B. ACTION ITEMS

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

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER DELANEY, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MATHER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

B.2 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD ORIENTATION.

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER KIDD, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MCMAHON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD ORIENTATION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

B.3 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

APPROVED

CURRENT VICE-CHAIR TRACYE LEWIS HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SERVING IN THE CHAIR POSITION ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD. MR. OSEN MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE MS. LEWIS TO THE POSITION OF CHAIR AND THE REST OF THE BOARD AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

BOARD MEMBER MATHER OFFERED TO SERVE IN THE VICE-CHAIR POSITION. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER OSEN.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

C. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

C.1 PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROPOSED FY2025 OPERATING BUDGET

Ms. Adrien Pekurney presented a summary of the Revised FY2023/24 and Proposed FY2024/25 Park and Recreation Facilities Development Corporation (PRFDC) Operating Budget.

C.2 PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROPOSED FY2025 CAPITAL BUDGET

Ms. Adrien Pekurney presented a summary of the Proposed FY2024/25 Park and Recreation Facilities Development Corporation (PRFDC) Capital Budget.

D. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

D.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE

Mr. Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager provided an update on activities at NRH2O Family Waterpark. He was accompanied by NRH2O Assistant General Manager, Stephanie Hee-Johnston.

-The water park is currently in their 30th season. The schedule is about to change to weekends only until the end of September.

-Doggie Beach Bash will be held on Sunday, September 29, 20204. This is a popular annual event.

-A general overview and history of the park was presented to the Board since Mr. Perez was unable to be in attendance at the Orientation that was held in July.

-Board Member Delaney asked if the inter tubes have to be carried up on the new Nitro Blast ride. The answer was yes, but they are lighter than on previous rides.

D.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

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

-Green Valley Park Safety Fence and Drainage Improvements: The fence portion is complete. Staff is working with potential contractors to develop a design solution for the drainage improvements.

-Northfield Drive Sidewalk Connection from Davis Blvd. to Northfield Park: Staff is requesting bids for this project. Work is scheduled to commence in August.

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-Cross Timbers Disc Golf: A contract has been signed with Discmania, Inc. for the design of a 9-hole course. They will supply and install disc golf targets, tee signs and a course map. Staff will design and install the tee pads once the design phase is nearing completion.

-Tommy and Sue Brown Park Playground Replacement with Shade: A contract has been executed with Whirlix, Inc. for the demolition and disposal of the existing playground. They will supply and install the new playground equipment with integrated shade. This is scheduled for November of this year.

D.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

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

-Park staff installed native and adaptive perennial plants at Stormy Plaza that are beneficial to pollinators. Plaques were installed for plant identification.

-Irrigation crews are busy performing audits and making repairs to maintain health through the summer months.

-Vegetation maintenance has been occurring regularly to maintain safety and visibility for those utilizing the parks and trails.

-Trail safety signage has been installed to promote safe and responsible trail usage.

-Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park is closed for the month of August for maintenance and infrastructure improvements. This includes fencing, signage, shade relocation and rules signage to include QR codes.

-Infrastructure staff performed playground repairs at Legacy, Clyde Zellars and Liberty Parks to worn and weathered items.

-The blended pickleball lines at Northfield Park were repainted along with the basketball and hopscotch lines at Ace Park. The basketball court was also resurfaced at Richfield Park.

-The athletic season for fall starts on August 1. There are a total of 31 designated athletic fields that staff maintains for a variety of sports.

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

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Mr. Garrett Peek, NRH Center Manager, provided an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center, as well as programs and services.

-NRH Centre 12th Anniversary Specials concluded at the end of July. Member/Guest attendance is at an all-time high through June 2024. Record attendance is also being seen in Group Fitness classes as well as Kids Club attendance.

-Youth classes and camps recently concluded. There were 488 total non camp related classes and programs. The total number of camp attendees was 875 for the 10-week, all day, Monday- Friday program.

-Indoor volleyball is in the middle of the registration process and will start the week of September 3. The Wednesday pickleball league will start on August 21. This league sold out in the first hour and is in its 5th season, with 32 total teams.

-The Grand Hall saw their highest grossing quarter in the facility's history as Q3 wrapped up in June.

-Through June, the Senior Center has collected over \$77,136 in Sponsorships and Donations. They rely heavily on their Community Partners to offer many of their programs.

-Richland Tennis Center has wrapped up another great year of youth camps. Through June, they hosted 113 participants in the morning summer camps.

-This July, North Richland Hills celebrated National Parks and Recreation Month. The theme this year was "Where You Belong". Components of the campaign included a dedicated website page, calendar with activities, tips and events as well as social media postings. A Where You Belong Painted Rock Contest was also held and prize packs were awarded to the winners. A family movie night was also held on July 25 with an evening of games, activities and a free showing of KUNG FU PANDA 4.

-The work of artist Laura Hunt is being featured in the Grand Hall Lobby. This exhibit will run through September 27.

-Live music returns to the stage at the NRH City Hall Plaza for the 2024 Autumn Sounds Concerts. Saturday, September 28 will feature the Squeezebox Bandits. This concert was rescheduled from an April Sounds of Spring event that was postponed due to weather. On Saturday, October 5 the very popular Lights and Music event will take place featuring Project 2. Lightware Labs will be projecting spectacular video imagery onto the face of the NRH City Hall rotunda while the band plays.

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E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**E.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORTS (MARCH, APRIL, MAY & JUNE)
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATES (APRIL, MAY & JULY)**

There are no other informational items.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pekurney adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Tracye Lewis, Chair

ATTEST:

Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator