

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
APRIL 5, 2021**

Via Webex Video Conference

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that tonight's Park and Recreation Board meeting will be conducted using Webex video conference in order to observe physical distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Chair Kusmierski called the meeting to order April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Present via video conference:

Marty Kusmierski, Chair, Place 5

Mike Filis, Vice-Chair, Place 7

Tracye Tipps, Board Member, Place 1

Kate Beck, Board Member, Place 2

Russell Mitchell, Board Member, Place 3

Vanessa Copeland, Board Member, Place 4

Dianne Spradling, Board Member, Place 6

Absent:

Kenneth Reeves, Board Alternate

Staff present via video conference:

Adrien Pekurney, Director of Parks and Recreation

Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner

Gary Bechthold, Parks Superintendent

Ron Newman, Membership Services Supervisor

Chelsea McClain, NRH2O Marketing & Sales Manager

Christina Lopez, Office Coordinator

Cindy Dobbs, Secretary

B.1 CITIZEN PRESENTATION

An opportunity for citizens to address the Parks and Recreation Board on matters which are not scheduled for consideration by the Board. In order to address the Parks and Recreation Board during citizen presentations, register for the video conference at the

link above and join the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

B.2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

An opportunity for citizens to address the Parks and Recreation Board on matters which are scheduled on this agenda for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Board, but not scheduled as a public hearing. In order to address the Parks and Recreation Board during public comments, register for the video conference at the link above and join the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

C. ACTION ITEMS

C.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER MITCHELL, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER COPELAND, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

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

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER BECK, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SPRADLING, TO FORWARD THE YOUTH PROGRAMS STANDARD OF CARE ORDINANCE TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

D. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

D.1 DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF DRAFT OF THE FY2021/22 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Mr. Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner, presented the Proposed FY21/22 Capital Improvement Program Budget. The following new projects were proposed:

- Adventure World Playground Improvements, which includes irrigation and picnic pavilions

- City Point Trail Development in Oncor Easement
- Cross Timbers Park Playground Replacement with Shade
- Partial Playground Replacement at Several Neighborhood Parks
- Park Infrastructure Maintenance 2022
- RTC Infrastructure Maintenance 2022
- Sidewalk Connection from Davis to Northfield Park
- Trail Connection for John Barfield Trail at Rumfield Estates

E. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

E.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE

Ms. Chelsea McClain, NRH2O Marketing & Sales Manager, provided an update on activities at NRH2O Family Water Park.

- NRH2O is hiring for the new 2021 Season. Training has already begun which will occur over the next four weeks.
- Sean Murray was hired as an Aquatic Park Maintenance Technician. He transferred over from the NRH Centre where he worked as a part-time lifeguard lead.
- Andi Bethard is joining the team as the Operations Manager. She began working at the water park in 2013 and worked her way up to one of their Operations Supervisors. She went off to finish college and is glad to be back at NRH2O.
- Leadership training is in full swing. "Everything is Connected" is the theme. focusing on culture, legacy, mentorship and guest service.
- NRH2O was hit hard by the February 2021 freeze as many homes and businesses were. Repairs are still being completed with the anticipation that everything will be ready for opening day on May 8, 2021.

E.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner, provided an update on Capital Projects.

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- Trail and On-Road Safety Projects: The project will be out for bid on April 30, 2021 with bids due on May 27, 2021. Park Board Member Filis requested and itemized list of trail enhancements planned.

- Fossil Creek Park Mountain Bike Trails: Shadow Trail Designs is nearing completion of the mountain bike trails with construction going exceedingly well.

- Linda Spurlock Park Renovation: Construction is complete. Dean Construction and Dunaway Associates did an exceptional job in all aspects of the project.

E.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

Mr. Gary Bechthold, Senior Parks Superintendent, presented an update on parks maintenance and operations activities.

- The February freeze resulted in few, but minimal problems for our park facilities and infrastructure. The most severe damage was at Walker's Creek, Green Valley Parks the Community Garden and a few drinking fountains. Repairs are ongoing.

- Fort Worth Christian School assisted in completing several park maintenance projects during their spring break. They laid 20+ pallets of sod, spread playground fall zone material and mulch, and picked up litter on Fossil Creek Mountain Trails. They also assisted with filling gallon size bags with plastic eggs and candy for the City's Drive-Thru Egg Hunt.

- Park staff completed a large drainage project at Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park on the small dog side.

- Park staff have also been very busy preparing the sports fields for league and tournament play.

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

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Director of Parks & Recreation, provided an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center as well as Programs and Services.

- Membership promotions are ongoing throughout the month of April to celebrate the NRH Centre's ninth anniversary.

- NRH Centre Aquatics has had a strong start to the year with increased revenues in January and February.

- Spring Softball Leagues have begun at Northfield Park with Men's and Coed Leagues playing four nights during the week and additional leagues starting in mid-April.
- Bookings at the Grand Hall have begun to increase in the last two weeks with 13 new bookings and inquiries from Birdville and HEB school districts for year-end banquets.
- Community Partners assisted in the delivery of events at the Senior Center. Green Valley Healthcare and Woodforest National Bank provided prizes for Horn Honkin' Bingo in February and March respectively. Stone Creek Senior Living and Mike Bowman Century 21 were the Drive Thru Luncheon Partner for February and Woodforest National Bank provided lunch in March.
- Staff is also working through the re-opening plan for the Senior Center.
- Richland Tennis Center's UTR Tournament scheduled for March 13 & 14 was cancelled due to inclement weather. Despite the cancellation, UTR Tournaments continued to have a great following with the next UTR Tournament scheduled for April 24 & 25, 2021.
- NRH Drive Thru Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 3, 2021. During the socially-distanced, drive-thru experience, guests were able to participate in a scavenger hunt, snap a selfie with the Easter Bunny and take home a bag of pre-filled eggs. The event received great feedback from those that attended.

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

F.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORTS (JANUARY - FEBRUARY) PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATES (FEBRUARY - MARCH)

There were no other informational items.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kusmierski adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Marty Kusmierski, Chair

ATTEST:

Christina Lopez, Office Coordinator