

**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
AUGUST 5, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kusmierski called the meeting to order August 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	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
	Kenneth Reeves	Board Alternate

Staff Members:	Vickie Loftice	Managing Director
	Bill Thornton	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
	Adrien Pekurney	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
	Frank Perez	NRH2O Park Manager
	Joe Pack	Senior Park Planner
	Christina Lopez	Office Coordinator

**B. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBER -
KATHERINE BECK**

Ms. Vickie Loftice, Managing Director, introduced Kate Beck as the new Parks and Recreation Board member serving in Place 2.

C. CITIZEN PRESENTATION

There were no requests to speak from the public.

D. ACTION ITEMS

**D.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2019 PARK AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING.**

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD ALTERNATE KENNETH REEVES, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER RUSSELL MITCHELL, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

D.2 ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR.

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER TRACYE TIPPS, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER VANESSA COPELAND, TO NOMINATE MARTY KUSMIERSKI FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR AND MIKE FILIS FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIR.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.

E. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

E.1 PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROPOSED FY2020 OPERATING BUDGET.

Ms. Vickie Loftice presented the Park and Recreation Facilities Development Corporation FY2020 Operating Budget.

E.2 PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND NRH2O'S PROPOSED FY2020 CAPITAL BUDGETS.

Ms. Vickie Loftice presented the Park and Recreation Facilities Development Corporation FY2020 Capital Budget.

New projects include:

- Linda Spurlock Park Renovation
- Green Valley Race Way Historical Plaza
- Park Infrastructure Maintenance 2020
- RTC Infrastructure Maintenance 2020

Ms. Loftice also updated the Parks and Recreation Board on improvements planned for Iron Horse Golf Course.

E.3 OUTDOOR PLAY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

Ms. Vickie Loftice introduced a new public awareness campaign on the importance of

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natural areas, parks, outdoor play for children and overall health benefits for all individuals. Parks and Recreation will be promoting the Outdoor Play Awareness Campaign over the next few months. Ms. Loftice also showed a video titled "Free the Kids".

F. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

F.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE.

Mr. Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager, presented an update on activities at NRH2O.

- NRH2O continues to celebrate its 25th season.
- The Dive-In Movie series wrapped up last Friday with a showing of The Greatest Showman and a fireworks display.
- Doggie Beach Bash is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 from 10 am to 4 pm.
- NRH2O is currently collecting school supplies for the BISD PTA and will have their annual shoe donation the week of August 12-16. The shoe donation has been one of NRH2O's most successful charity drives.

F.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE.

Mr. Bill Thornton, Assistant Director, presented an update on the Park System Signage Capital Project.

- Park System Signage - The engineers are finalizing lighting/electrical and structural engineering for the project. Upon completion, the project will be prepared for bidding which should occur in the next few months.

F.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE.

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

- John Baxter, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, retired in June after 30 years of service to NRH.
- Storm damage repairs continue at Richfield Park. Repairs have been completed at Walker's Creek Park. One of the larger trees lost at Cross Timbers Park is scheduled to come down within the next several weeks.
- A new rail fence was installed at Adventure World.
- The fall soccer league will begin soon at Green Valley Park. Park staff finalized preparations for the league. Activities included turf fertilization, weed control applications, and top dressing with 200 tons of sand.
- Playground fall zone material has been applied at playgrounds located on school

sites in preparation for the beginning of the new school year.

- The cross walks along the North Electric trail are in the process of being repainted.

F.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.

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**G.1 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORTS (MAY & JUNE)
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATES (JUNE & JULY)
ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

Ms. Loftice thanked Parks Board Member Dianne Spradling for her leadership of the Common Ground Community Garden and for the Gardeners Seminar that was held this past weekend.

She also updated the Board on the passing of Councilman Brent Barrow.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kusmierski adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Marty Kusmierski, Chair

ATTEST:

Christina Lopez, Office Coordinator