

**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
OCTOBER 7, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kusmierski called the meeting to order October 7, 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
	Vanessa Copeland	Board Member, Place 4
	Dianne Spradling	Board Member, Place 6
Absent:	Russell Mitchell	Board Member, Place 3
	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
	Joe Pack	Senior Park Planner
	Gary Bechthold	Parks Superintendent
	Chelsea McClain	NRH2O Sales & Marketing Coordinator
	Lorene Mathis	Secretary

A.1 INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBER - JENNIFER MILLS

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Ms. Julie Adkins, Senior Center Supervisor and Ms. Jennifer Mills, Senior Center Coordinator.

A.2 CITIZEN PRESENTATION

There were no requests to speak from the public.

A.3 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

B. ACTION ITEMS

B.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER COPELAND, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SPRADLING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.

C. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

C.1 UPDATE ON THE GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Mr. Bill Thornton, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation provided an update on the Iron Horse Golf Course Improvement project.

Iron Horse Golf Course was built 30 years ago along Fossil Creek, within the flood plain corridor. Iron Horse gets around 45,000 to 50,000 rounds every year. Some of the most destructive forces at Iron Horse are use, age, weather and water; with water probably being the most destructive.

Staff looked at finding a solution to reduce the impacts of flooding and provide for easier and cost efficient maintenance. One of the main goals was to first divert flood waters where possible, provide positive drainage throughout the course by grading and sloping, level fairways, tees and greens, provide new forward tees, address cart paths and provide new irrigation in select areas.

During construction, staff plans on having at least six (6) holes playable at all times. Construction is scheduled to begin in November and end in August 2020. Total construction budget is \$3 million. Renovation costs are anticipated to be just over \$2.6 million. Pump House B renovation will also occur independently of the Golf Course Improvement Project due to cost savings by using a BuyBoard contract at a cost of \$129,000. The remaining balance of the project budget will be used for contingency and cosmetic improvements to the buildings and grounds, and bridge deck replacement.

Award of bid is scheduled for Council consideration on October 28, 2019.

C.2 UPDATE ON THE LINDA SPURLOCK PARK RENOVATION PROJECT.

Mr. Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner, provided an update on the Linda Spurlock Park Renovation project.

Mr. Pack presented the Master Development Plan for Linda Spurlock Park. Improvements included in the renovation are removal of the existing pavilion and construction of a new pavilion. Removal of the existing restroom facility and playground and relocation and construction of a restroom facility, and playground. There will also be a focus on providing a gateway or entry into the park and a focus on preserving the pond. Shade will be incorporated into the playground, ADA parking will be addressed by providing a drop off area and accessible connections for sidewalks.

Construction is scheduled for April 2020 through December 2020. The park will be closed during this time frame.

C.3 UPDATE ON THE NATURE RIGHT HERE CAMPAIGN.

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, updated the Board on the Nature Right Here Campaign.

Ms. Pekurney presented the new logo for the Nature Right Here campaign which was designed by Ms. Sarah Green, Cultural Arts Coordinator. NRH residents will be encouraged to *Reconnect, Reset and Re-energize* in our local outdoor areas. Every Friday, NRH will feature social media posts to help our community understand the importance and benefits of being outside. Nature Right Here will highlight NRH parks, open spaces, trails and activities for all ages.

C.4 GREEN VALLEY RACEWAY WEBSITE.

Ms. Vickie Loftice, Managing Director, presented an update on the Green Valley Raceway website.

The Green Valley Raceway website will chronicle the history and legacy of the famous raceway along with a gallery of photographs, guest book for people to share some of their favorite stories and upload photographs. It will also include a donation section in which people can donate to the historical plaza. Depending on the level of contribution, the individual may receive a vintage Green Valley Raceway t-shirt and the possibility of having their name permanently engraved on one of the monuments.

D. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

D.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE.

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

- NRH2O just completed its 2019 season. Initial numbers show the park with a slight increase in attendance of 1% and an increase in revenue of approximately 8% versus last season. (Used tiered pricing this year).
- NRH2O has begun planning for their 25th anniversary in 2020.
- Doggie Beach Bash had about 1,500 people show up with approximately 800 dogs. It was the largest attendance on record for Doggie Beach Bash. Approximately \$26,000 was raised which will benefit the Animal Adoption Rescue Center.
- Stephanie Hee has been awarded the Al Turner Memorial Commitment to Excellence Award by the World Waterpark Association.
- Jordan Hyman, Revenue Supervisor, was named as finalist for the Chris Stuart Emerging Leaders Award from the World Waterpark Association.
- NRH2O hosted the second annual Splash, Dash 'N Smile, a swimming and running aquathlon. The event quadrupled in attendance versus last year with over 100 participants.
- NRH2O celebrated their year end awards ceremony on Saturday, September 21. Awards are determined by guest, team member and management voting.
- Ms. Loftice commented that NRH2O has only 108 days to achieve their revenue and attendance numbers. This year there were 18 days the park was closed, rain delayed, or had to close early due to the weather. Vickie congratulated Chelsea on boosting NRH2O's social media presence and working closely with the Group Sales Division in being aggressive in going after groups, consignments, and private events. This in turn helped the group sales division raise their revenues by \$100,000.

D.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE.

Mr. Bill Thornton, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update on Parks Capital Projects.

- Richland Tennis Center - Bids were received for the resurfacing of tennis courts at Richland Tennis Center. Council consideration of the contract will be October 28, 2019.

D.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE.

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

- Staff completed several large, necessary renovation projects at Tipps Canine Hollow. The park closed to the public for three weeks while renovations were completed. Renovations included addressing erosion control issues by laying 700 feet of 12" drainage pipe, installing 36 pallets of Bermuda sod, 60 tons of top dressing sand, 30 yards of decomposed granite, construction of a gated dumpster wall, tree trimming, irrigation system adjustments, and freshly painted parking spaces. The dog park was reopened on September 27 with staff still planning to install several bench swings and new rule signs.
- New benches and pads were also installed near the basketball courts at Richfield Park.

Board Member Filis also added the completion of repairs to the shade structures at Richfield Park.

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

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update of activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, and Richland Tennis Center.

- The NRH Centre Pool Plaster project was completed in October. The pool reopened to the public on Friday, October 4, 2019.
- The 2020 Winter/Spring Discover Brochure is in the beginning stages of development and will be available to the public in mid-November.
- The Grand Hall had a great FY19 by hosting 313 events, serving over 54,400 guests, which is an increase of 37 events, and 9,700 guests over prior year.
- The Grand Hall had a very strong FY19 exceeding their revenue projections with \$538,402 received as of September 20, 2019. The Grand Hall anticipates finishing the fiscal year over \$549,000.
- The Grand Hall renewed their rental agreement with Compass Christian Church for the 2020 calendar year. This rental agreement has worked well over the last year.
- 'Round the Town with Oscar monthly bike ride will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. the ride will begin at Northfield Park. This month riders are encouraged to wear blue to show support for our law enforcement personnel. The Mayor's Monthly 1 mile walk will be held on Thursday, October 10 at Richland High School beginning at

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- The NRH Road Runner 5K was held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 with just over 300 participants. This year's run benefits H.E.L.P., Inc., Children's Literacy through the NRH Library and the NRH Community Enrichment Center.
- The NRH Senior Center Annual Craft Fair will be held on Wednesday, October 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Over 35 senior crafters will be selling their handmade items.
- Richland Tennis Center will begin their fall session of classes the week of October 21.
- The Lights & Music concert was held on Saturday, October 5, 2019.
- Hoot n' Howl is scheduled for Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Green Valley Park.
- A Veterans Day Celebration will be held on Monday, November 11 at 11:00 at City Hall.
- The NRH Pop Up Art Gallery is scheduled to kick off with the Artists reception on Friday, November 1. The pop Up Gallery is located at Kindred Coffee on North Tarrant Parkway.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no other informational items.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kusmierski adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Marty Kusmierski, Chair

ATTEST:

Lorene Mathis, Secretary