

**MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
JUNE 5, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Copeland called the meeting to order June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Vanessa Copeland, Chair, Place 4
Tracye Lewis, Vice-Chair, Place 1
Brad Evans, Board Member, Place 6
Russ Murdock, Board Member, Place 7

Absent:

Kate Beck, Board Member, Place 2
Russ Mitchell, Board Member, Place 3
Casey Daniel, Board Member, Place 5
Sammy Robison, Alternate

Staff Members.

Adrien Pekurney, Director
Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director
Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director
Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager
Frank Perez, NRH2O General Manager
Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator

A.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to speak from the public.

B. ACTION ITEMS

**B.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2023 PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING.**

APPROVED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER MURDOCK, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR LEWIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 3023 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 4-0.

C DEPARTMENT UPDATES

C 1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE

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

-NRH2O has begun its 29th season and is off to a great start. The annual Music Festival held in May was a great success Pre-registration for 2024 is already showing signs of another great year to come

-The new Gatemaster Point of Sale system has been in use for a little over a month. It seems to have improved the guest experience overall.

-The World's Largest Swim Lesson will take place on June 22. This is the 14th year for this event to be held at NRH2O They are one of the few facilities that have participated in this event every year since the beginning

C.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

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

-Green Valley Raceway Historical Area Project - Contract has been signed and pre-construction meeting is set for this week. This project is estimated to take about two to three months

-Adventure World Pavilion - There has been a small shade structure at this park but it was not available to rent. A new, larger structure has been installed and will be able to be rented for parties and gatherings. Drainage improvements were also made to the area.

-Dr Pillow Playground Replacement - A contractor has been selected from the sealed proposal process. This project was approved at the June 26 Council Meeting

-Green Valley Park Safety Fence and Drainage Improvements - This project will include an addition of 1,200 linear feet of 6' tall black vinyl-coated chain-link fence. There will be

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openings for participants to walk onto the field without the access for vehicles to get onto the grass and cause damage.

-Weather Stations and Inclement Weather Alert Systems have been installed. Staff is working with Perry Weather to customize the alerts and settings.

-NRH Active Transportation Projects for Trails/On-Road - This project is substantially complete. Construction is done but there is some final paperwork to be completed

-City Point Trail Development in Oncor Easement - A revised 90% submittal will be delivered to the city in June Construction should be able to start soon thereafter

-Cross Timbers Bleacher Shade Replacement - Contractor has installed shade on three of the four fields. There is a correction being made on the fourth shade and should be completed soon.

C.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

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

-Park staff has been working to prepare NRH2O's turf and landscape for the 2023 season. This included plant replacements and relocating

-Several requests have been received recently for the Memorial Tree and Bench Program. Three memorial trees have been planted at Tommy & Sue Brown, Founders and Richfield There will be a memorial bench placed at Richfield as well

-Pond maintenance is in full effect across all parks. Warmer temperatures encourage the growth of both aquatic plants and algae Ponds are treated as needed with chemicals that are safe for mammals and fish

-Park Supervisor Michael Salazar led a group of Smithfield Middle School National Junior Honor Society students to make improvements to the existing Monarch Waystation area at Dr Pillow Park. Milkweed installation, staining the protective fence, and installing a new waystation sign were all part of this project.

-Staff has replaced several large playground parts with significant wear at Founders Park. Select park furniture has been replaced at Founders and Faram Park. The main items were picnic tables and park benches.

-Green Valley soccer fields have been treated with a chemical to kill the perennial ryegrass off The ryegrass continues to grow in warmer weather and it begins to

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compete with the established Bermuda grass.

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

Mr Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director provided an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center, as well as programs and services.

-The NRH Centre is currently running their 11th Anniversary specials.

-Camp NRH is in full swing A variety of activities and field trips are scheduled for all of the age groups.

-The NRH Centre Multipurpose Room had new flooring installed on May 17 The Senior Center and Grand Hall are also getting an updated look with flooring This project should be complete by mid-July

-Grand Hall recently hosted Chief Perdue's retirement event as well as a number of high school graduation parties

-NRH Senior Center has been busy with a full calendar of events including their recent Health Fair Over 50 vendors participated and 375 people attended the three-hour event.

-Richland Tennis Center is staying busy as they are hosting weekly camps for youth during the summer

-Sounds of Spring was able to carry out three of the four scheduled concerts. Only one was postponed to the fall due to inclement weather

-Recently the Grand Hall hosted a virtual lecture and interaction with Victoria Browning Wyeth, the iconic American painter Andrew Wyeth's only grandchild. Ms. Wyeth joined an audience of local art lovers from her home in Maine She interacted with the audience, answering questions while also sharing painting techniques , family stories and seldom-seen paintings and drawings. This free event was part of the NRH Cultural Arts "Art Lives in Our City" initiative

D INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

D 1 COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORTS (MARCH - APRIL) PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATE (APRIL - MAY)

There are no other informational items.

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E. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Copeland adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p m.


Vanessa Copeland, Chair

ATTEST


Cindy Dobbs, Office Coordinator