

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL WORK ROOM (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor),  
4301 CITY POINT DRIVE  
NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS**

**June 18, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kusmierski called the meeting to order June 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Marty Kusmierski	Chair
	Mike Filis	Vice-Chair
	Tracye Tipps	Board Member
	Suzy Compton	Board Member
	Paul Pena	Board Member
	Dianne Spradling	Board Member
	Russell Mitchell	Board Member
	Kenneth Reeves	Board Alternate
Staff Members:	Bill Thornton	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
	Adrien Pekurney	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
	Frank Perez	NRH <sub>2</sub> O General Manager
	Joe Pack	Senior Park Planner
	Michael Wilson	Park Planner
	Gary Bechthold	Parks Superintendent
	Lorene Mathis	Secretary
Absent:	Vickie Loftice	Managing Director of Community Services
	Christina Lopez	Office Coordinator

Chair Kusmierski and Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director, presented Board Member Paul Pena with a certificate of appreciation for seven years of service to the Park and Recreation Board.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**C.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2018 PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**APPROVED**

**PARK BOARD MEMBER SPRADLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2018 PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER REEVES SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 4-0.**

Frank Perez, NRH20 General Manager introduced Natalie Moore, Operations Supervisor, who replaced Kelli Allen.

**C.2 RECOMMEND AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 62 OF THE NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PARKS, AND FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION**

Mr. Bill Thornton and Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Directors, introduced the item and reviewed potential/proposed revisions to the existing ordinance. The Board discussed possible revisions and agreed to continue discussion of this item at the August Park Board meeting. Chair Kusmierski requested the Board review the ordinance for any suggestions prior to the meeting.

**MOTION:**

**BOARD MEMBER MITCHELL MOVED TO PLACE THIS AGENDA ITEM ON THE AUGUST PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION. BOARD MEMBER COMPTON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 6-0.**

**D. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**D.1 YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORTS**

Each year youth sports associations that use city facilities are required to present an annual report to the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Ken Harmon, President of Birdville Area Youth Futbol Association presented BAYFA's annual Report.

**D.2 2017 NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL BICYCLE OPINION SURVEY**

Mr. Michael Wilson, Park Planner, presented the findings of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) 2017 North Texas Regional Bicycle Opinion Survey.

**D.3 UPDATE ON THE COMMON GROUND NRH COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Ms. Dianne Spradling, Common Ground NRH Community Garden Coordinator, provided an update on activities at the Community Garden. Highlights of the presentation included: the Community Garden being a teaching garden, two seminars are planned for spring and fall, and a new program called Junior Master Gardener will be implemented in the near future. The Community Garden also won the HEB & Central Market Green Bag Grant.

## **E. DEPARTMENT UPDATES & GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **E.1 NRH<sub>2</sub>O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE**

Mr. Frank Perez, NRH<sub>2</sub>O General Manager, presented an update on activities at NRH<sub>2</sub>O. Highlights included:

- NRH<sub>2</sub>O opened for its 24<sup>th</sup> season.
- The NRH<sub>2</sub>O Music Festival had a successful run with over 17,000 guests representing more than 225 school groups
- NRH<sub>2</sub>O set an attendance record for May with just over 34,000 guests visiting the park.
- Dive in Movie Schedule kicked off on June 22 with the first movie being a family favorite, The Wizard of Oz.
- The World's Largest Swim Lesson will take place on June 21.

### **E.2 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS**

#### **TRAIL AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTION IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Bill Thornton, Assistant Director, presented an update on Parks Capital Projects.

Mr. Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner, presented an update on the following projects:

- NRH Trail and On-Road Safety Projects – The project was funded by the Federal Highway Administration under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. The project allows for costs related to architectural and engineering services, construction and state administrative fees. The total project budget is \$771,620 with 80% (617,294) being funded federally and 20% (\$156,326) being funded by the City of North Richland Hills.
- Landscape improvements on Blvd. 26 and IH820 westbound service road – The landscape and irrigation project is funded 100% with funding from the Federal Highway Administration with oversight from the Texas Department of Transportation. Keep North Richland Hills Beautiful with oversight from Neighborhood Services was awarded \$250,000 for landscape improvements at the subject location. The North Richland Hills Parks Department was awarded an additional \$100,000 for the project under the Green Ribbon Program. Construction is expected to begin in August 2018.

### **E.3 PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Mr. Gary Bechthold, Parks Superintendent, presented an update on park maintenance projects with the Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts including creating a

new trail at Fossil Creek and creating Monarch Stations and bat houses along the trails.

#### **E.4 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director, presented an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Athletics, Senior Center, Tennis Center and the Grand Hall. Highlights included:


- Summer programs began the week of June 4 at the NRH Centre with over 25 camps being offered throughout summer of 2018. The total number of campers increased from 62 to 85 campers.
- Registration for the summer Learn to Swim program has begun with five two week sessions.
- The Mayor's Monthly Bike Rides and 1 mile walks continue in August. The bike rides and walks will be held at various sites on a rotating basis.
- The 2018 NRH Road Runner 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk along the Barfield Trail will be held on Saturday, October 6 and Early Bird Registration is open.
- Richland Tennis Center hosted several tournaments June and July.
- The "Summer Songs" took place at the Song Space Outdoor Amphitheater at Dolce Plaza.
- Two My Park NRH events were held in June, and featured a variety of city departments.
- The Grand Hall hosted 174 events and 15 city and community partner events.

#### **F. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no other informational items.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kusmierski adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

  
Marty Kusmierski, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Lorene Mathis, Secretary