

**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  
DECEMBER 2, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kusmierski called the meeting to order December 2, 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
	Dianne Spradling	Board Member, Place 6
Absent:	Vanessa Copeland	Board Member, Place 4
	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
	Gary Bechthold	Parks Superintendent
	Matthew Johnston	Landscape Horticulturalist
	Garrett Peek	NRH Centre Manager
	Michael Richardson	Athletic Coordinator
	Christina Lopez	Office Coordinator

**A.1 INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS - MATTHEW JOHNSTON AND  
MICHAEL RICHARDSON**

Mr. Gary Bechthold, Parks Superintendent, introduced a new staff member, Matthew Johnston who has been hired as the Landscape Horticulturalist.

Mr. Garrett Peek, NRH Centre Manager, introduced a new staff member, Michael Richardson who has been hired as the Athletic 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 OCTOBER 7, 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.**

#### **APPROVED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER DIANNE SPRADLING, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER KATE BECK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.

### **B.2 RECOMMEND THAT STAFF EVALUATE A POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP FOR MOUNTAIN BIKE AND HIKING TRAILS AT FOSSIL CREEK PARK FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BY CITY COUNCIL.**

#### **APPROVED**

Ms. Vickie Loftice, Managing Director reviewed the possibility of a partnership with the Fort Worth Mountain Bike Association for the development of mountain bike and hiking trails within Fossil Creek Park.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER TRACYE TIPPS, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER DIANNE SPRADLING, FOR STAFF TO CONTINUE TO EVALUATE A POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP FOR MOUNTAIN BIKE AND HIKING TRAILS AT FOSSIL CREEK PARK FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BY CITY COUNCIL.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.

## **C. PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **C.1 UPDATE ON THE LINDA SPURLOCK PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

Mr. Bill Thornton, Assistant Director, presented an update on the improvements planned

for Linda Spurlock Park. Renovation elements will include a new pavilion, playground and restroom building in a more central location as well as trail connections and handicap parking.

## **D. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

### **D.1 NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK UPDATE**

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

- Polar Plunge - Polar Plunge is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2020 and will benefit Special Olympics Texas - Greater Fort Worth Area.
- Season Pass Sale - Season passes are on sale for the 2020 season.
- 25th Anniversary Planning - Planning is underway for the 25th Anniversary of NRH2O. Celebrations will include a birthday party for the water park on June 1.

### **D.2 PARKS CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE.**

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

- Park System Signage - Award of bid for construction of the Park System Signage project is scheduled for Council consideration on December 9. Turner Sign System has been selected for the project.

Mr. Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner, presented an update on the Iron Golf Course Improvements project.

- Iron Horse Golf Course Improvements - Fleetwood Services is continuing work on Section A of the golf course improvements. Section A is scheduled to reopen in mid to late January, then work will commence on Section B.

Board Member Mike Filis inquired about the Green Valley Raceway project status. Ms. Loftice responded that Sarah Green is working on designs for the project.

### **D.3 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS UPDATE.**

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

- Park maintenance staff have been working on setting up Holiday Magic decorations at the NRH Centre and Library grounds. Staff also assisted with several other

- special events, Hoot n' Howl, NRH Road Runner, and the Laser Light Show/concert.
- Staff repaired a large underground drainage line at Green Valley Park which was causing a large backfill of water near the concession building entrance.
- Park staff are preparing for the closing of all 30 athletic fields for the off season which runs from December thru February. The fields will be closed and staff will begin renovating for the upcoming spring sporting activities.
- Winter annual color has been installed at City Hall, City entrance signs, Liberty Park and the NRH Centre.
- Winter tree pruning is nearing completion.

#### **D.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.

- Turn-of-the-year membership special, which was distributed via direct mail, will run from December 2019 through February 2020.
- The Winter/Spring 2020 Discover Brochure will be available the beginning of December. This brochure features programs and events taking place January 2020 through May 2020.
- The NRH Centre will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holiday. Holiday hours for New Year's Eve will be from 5:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and New Year's Day from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- The NRH Centre will be hosting a Community Open House on Friday, January 17. The Open House will highlight all areas of the facility including programs, services, memberships within the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, and Senior Center.
- The NRH Centre gymnasium floor and aerobic floors are scheduled to be refinished in early December.
- The Grand Hall will be the host site for the annual NRH Business Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for December 5, 2019.
- The NRH Centre's "Average Joes" basketball league was recognized with the *Excellence in Recreation Programming* award at the Texas Recreation and Park Society North Region Conference.
- Run Run Rudolph Family Fun 5K is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. Currently there are 247 registrants.
- The NRH Senior Center will honor volunteers on "International Volunteer Day", December 5.
- In celebration of "Gingerbread Flapjacks Day", Ms. Adrien Pekurney, Assistant Director, will be serving the famous "Magnolia Cafe" gingerbread pancakes on December 11 at 10:00 a.m.
- The NRH Senior Center is adopting a new Annual Facility Fee which goes into effect on January 1, 2020. The annual fee for residents will be \$10 and

non-residents \$30. Revenue collected from the fees will help offset the daily operations costs of the Senior Center.

- The Richland Tennis Center will host it's annual Toys for Tennis tournament on Decembr 14.
- RTC's winter 2020 sessions of group lessons and leagues will begin January 6.
- NRH Holiday Magic is scheduled for Friday, December 6 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTHLY REPORTS (SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER)**

**COPIES OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATES (OCTOBER & NOVEMBER)**

**NRH SENIOR CENTER FACILITY FEE INFO FLYER**

Board Member Dianne Spradling provided an update on activities at the Community Garden.

- The Boy Scouts help build two moveable handicap plots.
- The Eagle Scouts built two picnic tables as part of a badge project.
- A Gardening Seminar was held at the Library with approximately 100 people in attendance.

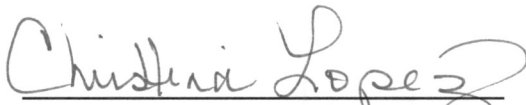
**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kusmierski adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.



Marty Kusmierski, Chair

ATTEST:



Christina Lopez, Office Coordinator

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