

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**6:00 p.m., Monday, September 29, 2014
Bay Education Center
121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, Texas**

On the 29th day of September, 2014, the City of Rockport Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board met at 6:00 p.m. at the Bay Education Center, 121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, Texas, and notice of meeting, specifying time, place, date and subject, was posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code, § 551.041.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ty Brisgill
Kathryn Morrow
Cassandra Perkins
Leo Villa
Ellen Kennard
Richard Corbit

OTHERS PRESENT:

J.D. Villa, City Council Member, Liaison to Park Board
Tom Staley, Director of Parks & Leisure Services

1. Call meeting to order.

The meeting of the City of Rockport Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board was brought to order by the Chair, Ty Brisgill, at 6:00 p.m., who noted the presence of a quorum of members.

2. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Board may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda.

Kathryn Morrow addressed the Board, and provided a written copy of her comments to Board members. She recommended that a sun blocking modification be installed on the west side of the Memorial Park shelter to reduce the sun intensity late in the afternoon for those using the shelter.

3. Deliberate and act on the July 28, 2014, regular meeting minutes.

Upon receiving confirmation that members present had reviewed the July 28, 2014, regular meeting minutes, the following motion was introduced.

MOTION: Board Member Morrow motioned to approve the July 28, 2014, meeting minutes as written. Board Member Kennard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Deliberate and act on date for an Arbor Day Recognition Program between November 17-21, 2014.

Tom Staley said he is planning an Arbor Day Recognition Program sometime during the week of November 17-21, 2014. He said the State Regional Forester is available that week but he needs to find out which day the Davey Tree Company can attend. They will be here to trim and treat the Zachary Taylor Park historic tree, as needed. He said that it has been nearly ten years since the Davey Tree Company inspected and treated the tree. He added he would like to have a program that includes children this year and asked for ideas. Board Member Morrow offered several ideas and said she will provide Tom with a list for his consideration.

5. Deliberate and act on volunteer assistance needed for the Tropical Christmas Program scheduled for December 6, 2014.

Tom Staley said more volunteers will be needed for Tropical Christmas to help with the Volkssport Walk and Swim. He said volunteers will be needed at the registration location and at the two drink/welcome stations. Hours will be from 11:00 a.m. to about 5:00 p.m. After some discussion, Tom said he will develop a volunteer list for board members' assistance in obtaining volunteers.

6. Deliberate and act on 27th Annual Whooping Crane Strut scheduled for March 7, 2015.

Tom Staley informed board members that he is considering changes to next year's Whooping Crane Strut, but not to the course itself. He said he is thinking about having a children's contest for the shirt design, just as is done for Seafair. He is also looking into making the event a fund-raising event for whooping cranes. This will be the 27th Annual Strut, and none have included anything benefiting the bird so popular and important to our area. Tom added that more walking and running events today are attached to a cause, and that something supporting the whooping cranes would make a nice fit for our event. Board comments included inviting Texas Parks & Wildlife and Jay Tarkington with his transportable wetland habitat to the event, thus adding an educational component.

7. Deliberate and act on marketing program to attract local resident interest and participation in Volkssporting.

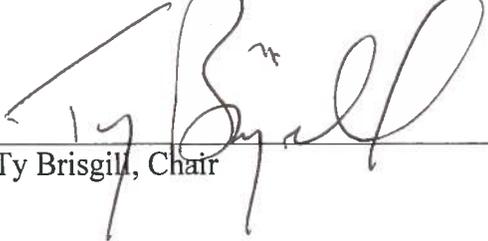
Tom Staley expressed concern over the low number of participants this year for "Rockport Sampler" walk and the "Rockin' Stroke" swim. He said the current number of participants does not justify the cost of administering the program, but that perhaps the Tropical Christmas Walk and Swim will be well attended. He also commented that we need to promote and solicit local interest and participation. A suggestion was made that since the city serves as the local

Volkssport Club, then we should schedule and advertise regular meetings citizens can attend and learn more about volkssporting.

8. Adjournment

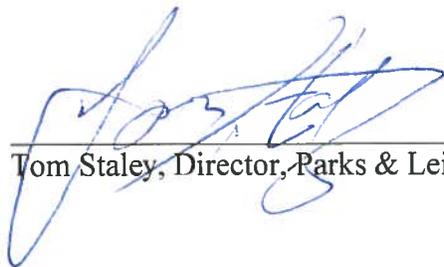
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting was adjourned.

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Ty Brisgill, Chair

ATTEST:



Tom Staley, Director, Parks & Leisure Services