

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m., Monday, October 27, 2014

Bay Education Center

121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, Texas

On the 27th day of October, 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
Bob Shoemaker
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
Jackie Hattenbach, Parks & Leisure Services Administrative and Recreation Program Assistant

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.

There were no citizens present wishing to speak.

3. Deliberate and act on the September 29, 2014, regular meeting minutes.

Upon receiving confirmation that members present had reviewed the September 29, 2014, regular meeting minutes, the following motion was introduced.

MOTION: Board Member Villa motioned to approve the September 29, 2014, meeting minutes as written. Board Member Corbit seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Deliberate plans for an Arbor Day Recognition Program on November 17, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Zachary Taylor Park.

Tom Staley informed board members that the Arbor Day Recognition Program is scheduled for November 17, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Zachary Taylor Park. He said the State Regional Forester will begin the program by speaking on the following subjects: drought and trees; and deer and trees. There will be a tree planting with the Odyssey After School 4th grade class, and the students will present their prepared “Gift of Trees” posters. Tom added that the Davey Tree Company will be trimming the Zachary Taylor Tree, but probably not on November 17th.

5. Deliberate plans for the Tropical Christmas Program scheduled for December 6, 2014.

Jackie Hattenbach distributed the activity schedule for the Tropical Christmas program and reviewed with board members. Tom Staley distributed volunteer sign-up sheets, asking board members’ assistance in obtaining volunteers.

6. Deliberate “Skate Day” at the Community Aquatic Park scheduled for November 25, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tom Staley distributed “Skate Day” flyers to board members informing them of the event, which will be held at the Skate Park from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participants age 10+ will receive an introduction to skate boarding and demonstrations, along with entertainment by a DJ, lunch and swimming. There is a fee for \$15 for participants.

7. Deliberate plans for 27th Annual Whooping Crane Strut scheduled for March 7, 2015.

Tom Staley informed board members that he has been in discussions with the Friends of Aransas and Matagorda Island (FAMI) about a partnering effort on the Strut. The idea is to select a cause for the event that supports the whooping cranes. FAMI said that donations by event participants would be deposited in a “Water for Wildlife” account, where funds are used to repair non-working wells at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, thus providing more water sources for whooping cranes and other refuge wildlife. Tom suggested that a \$5 fee be added to the normal event registration fee, and that it be donated to the FAMI “Water for Wildlife” account. Board members agreed with the approach.

8. Deliberate scheduling quarterly meetings to inform about and discuss Volkssporting in America and the “Rockport Trailways” Volkssport Club .

Tom Staley suggested scheduling quarterly meetings as a means of informing local residents about Volkssporting. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that social media would be the best way to reach residents with information about Volkssporting. Board Member Perkins offered to assist with this effort using Twitter. Tom said that he must first obtain approval.

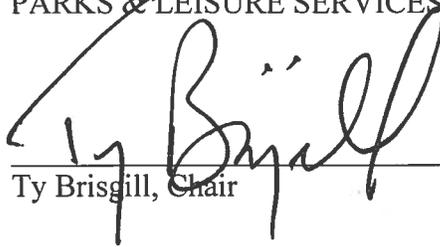
9. Deliberate plans to upgrade the Memorial Park shelter.

Tom Staley informed board members that based on the comments made by Kathryn Morrow at the September 29, 2014 meeting, the park maintenance staff, over the winter months, will modify the west facing side of the shelter to block the afternoon sun to those inside the shelter.

10. Adjournment.

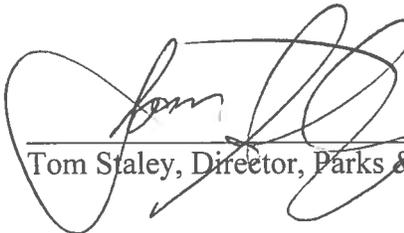
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting was adjourned.

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Ty Briggill, Chair

ATTEST:



Tom Staley, Director, Parks & Leisure Services