

# CITY OF ROCKPORT

## MINUTES

### PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

#### REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2016

Bay Education Center

121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, Texas

On the 25th day of January, 2016, 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:**

Leo Villa  
Ty Brisgill  
Cassandra Perkins  
Kathryn Morrow  
Kate Catlow  
Debra Corpora  
Jeanette Larson

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

J. D. Villa, City Council Liaison  
Tom Staley, Director of Parks & Leisure Services  
Kathy Helgenberger  
Shelly Stuart  
Ryan Picarazzi  
Becky Mays  
Sarah Solis  
Ryan Ford

#### **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., on January 25, 2016, who noted the presence of a quorum of members.

#### **2. Welcome new board member Jeanette Larson.**

Chair Brisgill welcomed Jeanette Larson to the Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board.

### **3. Deliberate and act to elect Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2016.**

Board Chairman Brisgill opened the floor nominations of a board Chairman and Vice Chairman for this calendar year.

**MOTION:** Board Member Villa introduced a motion electing Ty Brisgill as board chairman. Board Member Perkins seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Board Member Villa introduced a motion electing Kathryn Morrow as board vice chairman. Board Member Perkins seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **4. 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.

### **5. Deliberate and act to approve November 16, 2015, regular meeting minutes.**

Board member Morrow motioned to approve the November 16, 2015, regular meeting minutes as written. Board member Villa seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

### **6. Deliberate with Aransas County Leadership Class to collaborate on a plan to upgrade the Spencer Park playground area.**

Tom Staley briefed board members on a plan to partner with Aransas County Leadership Class XX on a project to upgrade the Spencer Park playground area. He said that the City Council placed \$28,000 in this year's budget for playground equipment at the park. He then introduced the Leadership Class representatives. Class member Sarah Solis distributed copies of a proposal for park enhancements. The class proposal included three phases: 1) Basketball court restoration with cost estimate of \$5,000; 2) beautifying and accessorizing with cost estimate of \$2,500; and 3) playground equipment with cost estimate of \$10,000 to complement city funds. Also included in the proposal was a sample letter with a survey to residents surrounding the park. February 13, 2016, at 10 a.m., was proposed as a date and time to meet with residents to obtain input as to their priorities for park improvements. This will be a joint Leadership Class/Park Board hosted meeting. Once citizen input is obtained, the choice and cost of equipment for the playground can be determined, and then a firm funding requirement for phase 3 can be determined. At that time, plans for phases 1 and 2 can be revisited. Phase 3 is currently the top priority.

### **7. Deliberate plans for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Whooping Crane Strut scheduled for March 12, 2016.**

Tom Staley distributed registration forms to board members for the upcoming 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Whooping Crane Strut and said that as always, there is a need for volunteer help along the race course.

**8. Deliberate on the capabilities of the communitywalk.com mapping website and its potential application in park planning.**

Board Member Catlow informed members that she has explored the communitywalk.com website, but she is uncertain how to apply it in a way that would assist in park planning. Following a short discussion, she said she will look at the Tour Rockport-Fulton “app” to see how existing and planned trail systems can be linked.

**9. Deliberate on the Texas Coastal Management Grant Program and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Small Community and Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for possible application submittal later this year.**

Tom Staley informed board members that the trail overlay work was accomplished in December, and the only remaining work left to complete is installation of two purchased park benches and the 30 emergency trail markers. He added that the total grant funds allocated will be less than budget due to the lower price of the oil based overlay. He said there may be an opportunity to do some parking lot work with the remaining funds. There is sufficient time to discuss options.

**10. Deliberate on acquisition of 8.85 acres of property at 1501 Broadway for use as a city park.**

Tom Staley informed board members that the 8.85 acres are now in city possession, and the parks maintenance staff is now maintaining the grounds. He added that the three on-site houses were inspected late last week to determine what repair or upgrades are needed for continued use.

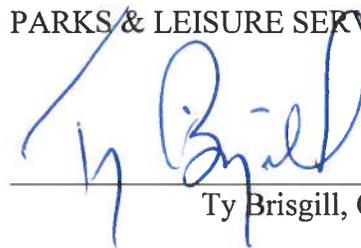
**11. Deliberate on completing work at Memorial Park Hike & Bike Trail with funding from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Recreational Trails Grant Program.**

Tom Staley informed board members that the trail work is complete and only installation of the park benches and the 30 emergency-911 signs remains to complete the project. The project cost is well under budget, so there may be a possibility of adding more to the project. He is discussing possibilities with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant staff.

**12. Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD



Ty Briggill, Chairman

Parks and Leisure Services

Meeting Attendance Chart

Name of Board Meeting: PARKS ADVISORY

Date: JAN 25 2016

Board Members Attending this date:

- 1) [Signature]
- 2) [Signature]
- 3) [Signature]
- 4) Debra Corpora
- 5) Leo Villa
- 6) Kate Carlan
- 7) [Signature]
- 8) [Signature]