

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016

Bay Education Center

121 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport, Texas

On the 28th day of March, 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:

Ty Brisgill

Cassandra Perkins

Leo Villa

Jeanette Larson

OTHERS PRESENT:

J. D. Villa, City Council Liaison

Tom Staley, Director of Parks & Leisure Services

Kay Adams

Tracy Shelton

Ginger Easton Smith

Mr. & Ms. Aquilino

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 March 28, 2016, 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 to be heard.

3. Deliberate and act to approve February 22, 2016, regular meeting minutes.

Board member Villa motioned to approve the February 22, 2016, regular meeting minutes as written. Board member Perkins seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

4. Deliberate progress of Spencer Park upgrade with Aransas Leadership Class XX.

Aransas County Leadership Class XX member Tracy Shelton informed board members that the party at Spencer Park was rescheduled from March 19, 2016, to April 2, 2016, from 10 am to 2 pm. He commented that fund raising is proceeding at a slower pace than planned, and that some items on the class list to accomplish may have to be reduced; however, he said that \$2,000 has been collected. Tom Staley said that he is working with a citizen interested in donating a bench for placement at the park. There was a short discussion about installing a new covered shelter that would replace the existing concrete shelter. Tom Staley said that the park maintenance staff can remove the existing shelter and then the leadership can have a new wooden shelter installed on the existing concrete pad.

5. Deliberate on make-up of a committee to develop a conceptual plan for the new Bent Oaks city park.

Tom Staley informed board members that establishment of a committee with the purpose of developing a conceptual plan for the new Bent Oaks park is on temporary hold until he receives further direction from the Mayor. Tom said in response to the Mayor's asking if this board has had sub-committees in the past, Tom replied, "no, only a non-appointed focus group that worked on the community center project." The initial direction from the Mayor was for the Park Board to develop a plan for the new property without additional decision makers. And, since each city ward is represented on the Park Board, then is there a need to add others? Board Member Villa said since this new property is to be a public park, then more citizen input is needed to determine its development. He said that citizens may want opportunities for picnicking, along with playground type amenities, such as swings. Board Member Larson said that the property was purchased for preserving the natural habitat, and that should be the focus in looking at public access and usage. Following additional discussion, board members determined that they need more input and direction from the City Council as to how this property is to be used. A recommendation was made to have a discussion with the City Council in a joint workshop meeting.

6. Deliberate on the capabilities of the community walk.com mapping website and its potential application in park planning.

This item was tabled due to the absence of board member Kate Catlow.

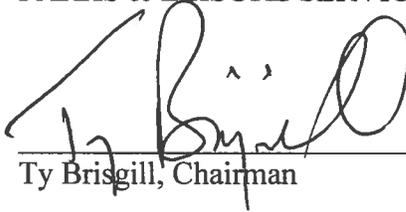
7. Deliberate on completing work on the Memorial Park Hike & Bike Trail with funding from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Recreational Trails Grant Program.

Tom Staley reported that the only remaining work is to install the thirty 911 emergency notification signs along the trail. Since there are leftover funds available, Tom is discussing additional eligible uses for the grant funds with Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife grant staff.

8. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Ty Brisgill, Chairman

Parks and Leisure Services

Meeting Attendance Chart

Name of Board Meeting: my AR 28, 2016

Date: PARK Board Meeting

Board Members Attending this date:

- 1) ~~Scott Larson~~
- 2) Christopher M. Perkins
- 3) Leo Sullay
- 4) Ty Boyell
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- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____