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## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

All information provided in this application is public information pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act.

The Parks and Recreation Commission annually submits a 5-year comprehensive park plan; makes recommendations regarding the management, maintenance, use, and improvement of all parks and public recreational facilities owned or controlled by the City; makes recommendations concerning acquiring real property and concerning donations, legacies, and bequests; and makes recommendations regarding recreational programs and events. The Parks and Recreation Commission serves as the City's Tree Care Advisory Board and is the Gold Star Affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful. The Parks and Recreation Commission is composed of 6 members serving 2-year terms, and 1 high school student and 1 alternate member serving 1-year terms. The alternate member may vote if a regular member is absent.

Candidates are required to be registered voters of the City and to have resided within the corporate limits for at least twelve months preceding the appointment and must not be employed by or hold any other position in the City's government. The student member is not required to be a registered voter. All appointments are made by and at the discretion of the City Council. Because vacancies may arise before the next regular appointment period, all applications are kept on file until the next application period.

Name: Lisa Ely Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: 401 Meadow Creek Drive

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of the City of Pflugerville for 8 years.

Are you a registered voter of the City of Pflugerville? ☒ Yes ☐ No Voter Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does any potential conflict of interest exist which may interfere or inhibit you to carry out the duties of a Parks and Recreation Commissioner? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If Yes, please explain.)

How often do you use parks facilities in Pflugerville?

My husband and/or I used the facilities on a daily basis. We have three large dogs - two of whom get walked on a daily basis. Our walks vary over different trails and are for at least 3.5 miles a day.

Which facilities do you use?

We use the trails within a 7 mile radius of our house. We also use Pfluger/Gilleland Parks and Lake Pflugerville. We also cycle on the trails and through the parks but not as often as we walk.

Please list the programs offered by the Parks Department.

Tons! But off the top of my head... Deutschen Pfest (which we go to each year along with the 5k), the Rec. Center has various programs for kids through seniors, Music in the Park on Fridays, swimming meets and general swimming, Drop by Drop program, Pfarmer's Market, dog parks, etc. I know groups also rent the facilities and people participate in the community garden located near SH130 in the NE Park.

What areas or programs would you like to see improved or expanded?

I would like to see more for seniors. As demographically the median age shifts, more should be made available for them to participate in. I actually contacted Trey and Hawaiian Pfalls about a senior program for the water park. For me personally, I would love it if we had more dog parks.

What are the biggest challenges that you see facing Parks and Recreation in Pflugerville in the next 5 years?

I think scalability could be an issue. Given the anticipated growth rate, we need to make sure we have enough facilities to accommodate the people moving into the area. I know we proactively make each new development provide green space, which is great, but I'd like to see a little more thought go into that process.

I would like to see more lighting in the parks. Given the Texas heat, I see a lot of people running/walking/cycling either very early or very late in the day. Some of our facilities don't have adequate lighting which can be a safety issue. As we have found out, there are plenty of snakes in the parks and they are hard to spot at these times.

Please provide any additional information you feel would be useful to the City Council in considering your application. Please use additional sheets as necessary. A cover letter and/or resume may also be submitted with the application.

I have enjoyed being on the Planning and Zoning Commission over the last six years. I hope that I have made a contribution to that process to make it better. In deciding what I was going to do with my "volunteer time" after P&Z, I decided I would like to be on Parks and Rec. It's the thing I get the most use and enjoyment out of so it makes sense to volunteer there. Having all this space available to us is something I enjoy and tout to anyone who is considering moving. I have already convinced one family to move to our area and hope to convince more! I consider myself to be a Pflugerville Ambassador!

By signing this application, I hereby affirm that I am aware of the requirements for the position and certify that I meet those requirements.

Applicant Signature: lisa.ely

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