

Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting – July 18, 2019

1. Call to Order

Raul Capetillo, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Patrick Clynych, Kimberly Castillo, Lisa Ely, Scott Langer, and Tyler McCraney were in attendance. Lenette Peterson and Heidi Hughes were absent. Staff attending: James Hartshorn, Assistant City Manager; Shane Mize Parks Director; Maggie Holman, Public Information Officer; LeAnn Resendez, Recreation Center Superintendent; Aileen Dryden, Park Development Manager; Kaitlyn Neal Special Events Coordinator, Antonio Rodriguez, Parks Superintendent; Carly Cox, Parks Admin.

2. Citizen Communication

There was nobody present who wished to speak.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Langer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the June 20, 2019 regular meeting. Ms. Castillo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

4. Discuss Only

4A. Mr. Capetillo introduced the topic. Ms. Dryden began with an update on Wilbarger Creek Park. Stonehill Park Splash Pad will go to Council on August 13th for approval. Lake Pflugerville phase I was approved at the June 15th council meeting. There will be an expansion of the beach and parking lot. The Biehle house property will transform into community gardens and parking spaces will be added. The permitting process will begin. It is expected that the parking lot expansion will be completed by summer of 2020. Temporary signage was put up at the lake, but it was removed. Mr. Capetillo requested signage and Ms. Dryden assured him new signage will be erected. Discussion moved to the Gilleland Creek Pool restrooms as they need to be replaced. The current facility is in need of a lot of repairs. Staff recommended a prefabricated restroom facility which was constructed in two parts on site. Construction of a new facility should go to council in August. Once installed, the Heritage Park digital sign will allow wireless control of messaging. The Senior and Recreation Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study RFQ is the remaining action item is what would become of the new recreation facility. The final report should be ready by the Fall with the hope that it will result in a bond to have a new facility built. Bohls Park is now complete and Parkland Dedication funds will be used to build Springbrook Park. The Parks and Recreation Department has two new team members, Kaitlyn Neal, who is the Special Events Coordinator and Cordell Alvarado, who is part of the Parks

Maintenance Team. Tree Mulching was discussed and there is no policy in Austin that relates to tree care. Austin does not have the infrastructure to manage all the tree care, but they do have development codes in place where certain tree sizes can be rejected. There is a policy for adding mulch to weakened root systems during construction, but there is not an overall policy for mulching. We can possibly add public education during Arbor Day with regards to tree mulching and care. July is Parks and Recreation Month. Music in the Park continues August 30th. Pfamily Pfloat night is July 19th, Chili Pfest vendor applications will be available August 5th. September 7th is the Pfurry Splash Party from 10a to 2pm. A video was shown of the Pfirecracker Pfestival and there was some discussion on the event. The previous student member will receive a certificate from council at their next council meeting thanking him for his service.

4B. Ms. Resendez discussed the Recreation Center stats and added that there is an average of 1400 members. 55 classes are offered per week and there are 6 additional off-site classes. The regional TRAPS conference will be held Pflugerville in November this year. The maintenance rodeo will be held on November 16th.

5. Discuss and Consider Action

5A. Antonio (Junior) Rodriguez will present about Parks Operations next month.

6. Adjourn

Ms. Ely made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Castillo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.