

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
5-1-2024

**Call to Order**

Doris called meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Edward Lock	<i>present</i>	Karen Fitzgerald	<i>present</i>
Robyn Taylor	<i>present</i>	Molly Slaid	<i>present</i>
Heather Tuggle	<i>present</i>	Michelle Mitcham	<i>present</i>
Lynda Schubring		Isaac Recinos	<i>present</i>
Ashley Brown	<i>present</i>	Alexander Harris	<i>present</i>
Doris Michalak	<i>present</i>	Sebastian Marquis	
Rachel Beazley	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	
Thomas Huebner	<i>present</i>	Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

**Approval of Minutes from 4-3-24**

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Robyn and was seconded by Tommy

**Citizens Comments**

**Kimberly Henao of 15601 Singapore Lane.** Mrs. Henao said that had fun helping with fist aid table at founder's day. There were a few small incidents. There is a plan to have a station set up on the front yard for the triathlon.

**Items for individual consideration**

**a. Founders Day wrap-up**

Isaac said that they had a good meeting with police and fire departments and then he asked the committee to provide feedback so that they can make notes and improvements for next year's event.

Members commented that the circle layout this year was great and that the art competition display was in a very good place.

The issue of the wristbands for parents to enter the rides area was brought up. Staff addressed the issue at the event after receiving feedback, and have also decided to put wristband monitors on each ride next year so that parents are not required to purchase a full price band to accompany their minors into the rides area.

More volunteers are needed to relive people. Some worked the entire event without a break. The volunteers stayed at their posts this year. The lifeguards worked out well this year.

Staff thinks that attendance was similar to last year. We sold over 800 wristbands this year and about the same sales on the dunk tank. We had more sponsorship money last year. We earned about 13k in revenues.

There needs to be a sign in the restroom trailers stating that there is extra toilet paper and paper towels under the sink. There was also no baby changing station.

The dunking booth was hard to find. The walkie-talkies were a great help during the event. The total cost of the event was 61K, the budget was 58K. We are waiting for some credits for generators.

The food trucks were pleased with the sales. Posting some of the menus and prices ahead of time would help. The variety of food was good. The Harris County health inspector said that all of the food trucks were in compliance.

Most of the people were compliant with barricades but one of the persons towing a trailer did not want to comply.

**b. Triathlon update - May 5<sup>th</sup>**

It will take place on Sunday. Organizers had meetings with fire and police departments. The timing company is ready to go. They have 70 participants ready to go. There are about 24 volunteers, and will have 3 police cars. The residents along the route all received flyers about the street closings and parking. Security Way at Gulf Bank will be closed. A medical unit will be set up on Equador. Concerns were voiced about the bike race taking place on the sidewalk. Passing might be tricky.

**c. July 4<sup>th</sup> Event**

Congo Street will be under construction in July, so Clark Henry Park traffic will be affected. Staff has decided to move the event to the detention pond. Parking will be at The Foundry. We will have golf cart shuttles to move people down the bayou. The stage will be on the overlook and the food trucks will be in the parking lot. There will be bathroom trailers. The golf course will have a tournament in the morning and one in the afternoon. Attendees will be able to park on the driving range after the second tournament ends. The restaurant will be open. We have 7 food trucks confirmed. The artist is confirmed. The radius for the fireworks will be larger. The fireworks person is local. Event will be from 6:00 to 9:30. Fireworks will be at 9:30. Will set up signs on A-frames to ensure residents know where the fireworks will be. They will also use the marquees.

The parade will follow the Holiday in the Village route. Staff will stage parade entries at the Civic Center.

Staff had to upgrade the stage. The Harris County Flood district allows for temporary recreational use of that area.

**d. Carol Fox Playground Subcommittee Update**

Staff talked about the renderings and concepts for kids to vote on – every design pretty much tied. The mountain dinosaur theme was very popular, but manufacturers don't make that anymore. The ocean theme and the kraken got a lot of votes, asked for a second design with ocean theme with costs, and one with the kraken theme with costs. Will add a few more renderings. The playground and play surfaces were in the budget, relocating the sidewalks is not in the budget, the additional rentable picnic area is not in the budget. They are still working on the shade structure designs. Some items are in the budget and others are not. There is money for the shade structures. Staff hopes to have designs next month to be considered. They discussed a wrought iron fence for the sand volleyball court to keep the ball from rolling out into the street. They also looked into adding another sand court. They will add that as a future phase.

Committee members talked about the ants at the park. Ants are supposed to be addressed every month during the inspection. There were requests for adjusting the height of the swings. Staff reminded everyone about the "Report an Issue" feature for reporting park and splash pad issues.

**Parks and Recreation Directors Report**

Planning an Oktoberfest event. Will be partnering with Senate Avenue Brewing and Klaus Brewing at Delozier Park. It will be a more traditional and intimate event. The entire event will be barricaded and there will be police presence. Will have Oktoberfest brews from 9-10 different breweries from

the area. Senate Avenue and Klaus will be hosting the event. There will be German music, food and vendors. It will be a ticketed event with limited attendance. Attendees can purchase a wristband with a limited number of small pours. 6 to 10pm. Senate Avenue Brewing staff have their TABC licenses and will be on hand to serve alcohol. The event will be from 6 to 10. May look into getting a large tent. Staff will talk to the residents around that area.

Yoga – Doris has seen only one Facebook post. They are getting good attendance. It takes place every week and the cost is \$10 per session, \$5 for 65 and over. They have had about 10 averaging per class.

### **Future agenda item request**

### **Next Meeting Date**

June 5, 2024

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ashley and was seconded by Heather.