

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
9-4-2024

Call to Order

Doris called meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes from 8-7-24

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Edward and was seconded by Lynda.

Citizens Comments

Kimberly Henao, of Singapore Lane, expressed gratitude to the Parks Advisory Committee for organizing a successful 4th of July event despite the distraction caused by Hurricane Beryl. She highlighted the large crowd, enjoyment by attendees, and praised the fireworks display. Henao suggested having more face painters and snow cone vendors for future events to reduce long lines, which she observed while stationed at the first aid table. Overall, she enjoyed the event and looks forward to future community gatherings.

Items for individual consideration

Brewfest

The committee discussed concerns about controlling reentry during Brewfest, specifically how to prevent attendees from leaving to consume alcohol in their cars and then returning. Suggestions included implementing a "no reentry" policy, disallowing personal coolers, and ensuring clear communication to attendees before and during the event. Police officers will be present and are supportive of the event plans. The committee also considered ways to manage alcohol consumption limits, noting that only TABC-licensed vendors will serve alcohol, and staff will monitor for intoxication. They agreed that preventing reentry and prohibiting outside containers would help mitigate risks. Additionally, it was confirmed that the event will only allow 200 attendees, and 88 tickets have been sold so far. Overall, the focus was on ensuring clear rules and responsible participation.

Fall Frolic

The primary concern was whether to change the event date due to Jersey Village High School's homecoming game on October 25th, which may affect attendance and volunteer availability. If the event date were changed, they would lose the haunted house since that was the last available date for it. However, the haunted house was aimed at older students, many of whom will be attending homecoming events. The committee discussed volunteer options, particularly from other schools not involved in homecoming, and considered whether the event would still attract attendees without the haunted house. Ultimately, they voted unanimously to keep the event on October 25th with the haunted house, despite potential lower attendance from high school students.

The committee confirmed the date for the Halloween Spooky House Decorating Contest judging, which will take place on October 14th, a Monday. This date was decided in the previous meeting, and they noted the need to officially record it in the meeting minutes.

Holiday in the Village

The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, followed by a parade at 7:15 PM. The event will follow the same format as previous years, with plans already in place for vendors, food trucks, and snow. We will have a new Santa this year and a contract option is being considered, to lock in pricing. Staff is reaching out to vendors for the market and are aiming for 100 vendors this year. Decorating the Civic Center is the area where the most help is needed. Decorating will begin on Monday, December 2nd, after Thanksgiving and the court session.

The parade route will follow the original path used in past events, and the team will coordinate with the police in October to finalize logistics. The focus will be on improving snow management for better coordination during the event. The organizers are confident that everything is on schedule and running smoothly for another successful event. The Christmas house decorating contest judging will take place on December 11th and 12th

Triathlon -Duathlon - Rachel

The discussion about next year's triathlon highlighted that, due to the absence of a pool, the event will transition to a duathlon, necessitating changes to the route and potentially extending it for older participants. The team plans to collaborate with police to manage the new route and has decided to maintain last year's pricing after reviewing the budget. A subcommittee, including Rachel, Heather and one more PARAC committee member, will oversee planning, focusing on selecting the design and theme for marketing, with a goal to finalize everything by December 1st. The timeline from last year, with the event scheduled for early May, will be followed. Additionally, medals need to be ordered well in advance, and the previous logo will require changes to remove the swimming element. The team remains open to questions and collaboration as they move forward with planning the new format.

Parks and Recreation Directors Report

- Fishing tournament was a success, but it was very hot, so it ended early.
- Lazy day will be held in November, but staff still does not have an exact date.
- There will be a movie night on the same day as the Brewfest so parents can drop kids off and go to the Brewfest.
- A meeting with Questar Technology about options to reduce park vandalism was mentioned.
- Lonestar Stampede – Texas Exes is a company wanting to bring 5k and 10k runs to the city in March.

Future agenda item request

Next Meeting Date

October 2nd

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Edward and was seconded by Rachel



Maria Thorne, Administrative Assistant