

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
4-3-2024

Call to Order

Doris called meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Edward Lock	<i>present</i>	Karen Fitzgerald	<i>present</i>
Robyn Taylor		Molly Slaid	<i>present</i>
Heather Tuggle		Michelle Mitcham	
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	<i>present</i>
Thomas Huebner	<i>present</i>	Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

Approval of Minutes from 3-6-24

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Thomas and was seconded by Molly.

Citizens Comments

Kimberly Henao of 15601 Singapore Lane. Mrs. Henao said that they enjoyed the concert in the park, that the weather was perfect, and that they are eagerly looking forward to Founders day. She informed all present that there will be a CERT Community Emergency Response Team meeting tomorrow, to discuss tasks for the first aid table and volunteers. She also volunteered to take and distribute posters to promote Founders' Day.

Items for individual consideration

a. Concert in the Park (Wrap-up) March 23, 6-9 – Alexander Harris

The concert went well. The stage, food trucks, face painting, and Senate Avenue were all on time. Everything started on time and the atmosphere was great and family friendly. The event wound down by about 9pm. Cars filled up the Post Elementary school parking lot. Clean-up for the event was minimal, and staff is overall happy with how it went

Committee members heard good things about the event. The stage was placed facing out toward the larger part of the field, so it kept things from feeling crowded. There were three food trucks, but they did not have a lot of sales. Many people brought their own food because of the prices of the food trucks. We may have one less food truck next year.

b. Founders Day – Isaac Recinos

- We have 13 lifeguards lined up to work the event. There are only 4 volunteer spots left to be filled and he will get a pool manager to do it.
- Doris volunteered to will help with the art contest, and Edward also volunteered to help.
- Staff met with the fireworks company today and will meet with the mechanical rides company this week to finalize plans. We don't have a sponsor for fireworks yet but are still looking. Three rides have been sponsored.
- DJ is coordinating with the fireworks company and will have a playlist that goes along with fireworks.
- Staff is working with JV Women's Group and JV Seniors Organization. JWVG is coordinating the cakewalk and the JVSO is coordinating the bingo. The cakewalk and bingo will be at a later time to ensure better participation.
- The face-painters will be free.
- Staff is looking into renting silent generators for the food trucks.

- We have 10 artwork entries. Judging will be on Wednesday. We have three art judges. Participants range from elementary age to high school age.
- Another change is that staff will put the food trucks on the Post parking lot.
- We have 18 carnival games, but are still looking for more.
- We have sold about 70 wristbands to date.

c. Triathlon update - May 5th -

- There are 53 participants signed up.
- Organizers will have a booth at Founders Day.
- The pool manager will help organize the swim leg of the triathlon.
- Met with Donnie from Run Time Houston, who will coordinate the timing.
- Scheduling the 25th of April for packet pickup and scheduling parent meetings.
- Would like to have help at the street corners. There is a volunteer signup genius page.
- The event starts at 8. There will be no parking on Jersey. Will keep the kids on the sidewalks. It will be on a Sunday morning.

d. July 4th Event – Isaac Recinos

- Will have the Seven Bridges Eagles tribute band.
- Everything is in line including food trucks, barricades, stage, and approval from high school to use parking lot.
- Staff is waiting to hear from Post Elementary about construction
- We may not need too many volunteers.
- Isaac may reach out to Nancy about a BBQ competition.

e. Carol Fox Playground Subcommittee Update

- Staff held a community meeting. There were about 60 persons in attendance. There was a mix of people who worked on the project and some new residents.
- The Kimley-Horn presentation is on the city website.
- Received the go ahead to move the sidewalks. They will attempt to save the panels when they move them. Options for donor appreciation include historical picture plaques on the wrought iron fence, or a concrete wall with plaques.
- Feedback on the play structure was mixed, and many residents want to keep the nature theme.
- Kimley horne will have a booth at founders day to get feedback from residents.
- Staff might have one more community meeting to present the feedback.
- Ideas for the sand area – there are recommendations for flow and accessibility – mixture of rubberized flooring and mulch, a sensory play, a deck near the sand for access without having to get in it.
- Talked about adding a shade structure that resembles beach umbrellas.
- Ms. Corrie and Acton Academy have been working on a mural for the concrete wall. People can come and paint the background on June 20, and Ms. Corrie and students will add the finishing touches. There will be a chalk area.
- Staff would like to add another picnic party area and discussed improved lighting.

Parks and Recreation Directors Report

- A Bond Committee was established and the first meeting will be on April 15 at 6:30.
- Tent at the Golf Course – we were able to buy one at auction and split the cost with the Golf Course. We will use it at Founder’s Day.
- Clark Henry Bathroom door locks are on timers.
- Pool is looking good. The water is back on at Clark Henry
- The fences at Clark Henry Park were discussed along the Post side.

- The water fountain at Carol Fox Park was discussed.
- The new Golf Course Clubhouse has passed inspections and we are only waiting on art and cabinetry. It will open on April 19. The restaurant name is Little Meadow Kitchen and Cocktails.

Future agenda item request

Next Meeting Date

May 1, 2024

Adjournment

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