



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Basement Training Room

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Lindsey called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Present: 9 - Linda Lindsey, Shawn Flanagan, James Lehnert, Adam Rios, Thomas Cronnon, Joan Adams-Wolfe, Joe De La Paz, George Woods, and Jay N. Gardner

Absent: 1 - Mark Borgeson

B. Public Comment

Jackson McGinley at 822 St. Columban Place addressed the Committee and spoke to parking issues at Waldron Park due to the high attendance during soccer games. He said the issue has become very serious for the adjacent neighborhood as visitors are not being mindful and are blocking driveways, etc. He mentioned that unfavorable altercations have occurred between visitors and neighbors which is unacceptable.

C. Approval of Absences: Thomas Cronnon

A motion was made by Shawn Flanagan to approve/excuse the absence listed above and it was seconded by Mike Lehnert. The motion passed.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [24-0972](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2024

A motion was made by Joan Wolfe to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by Joe De La Paz. The motion passed.

E. Director's Report

2. [24-0351](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for November 2024

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave the following updates:

- September Events
- National Senior Center Month
- Beach Rescue Operations
- Adopt-A-Park Signage
- 1st Annual CC Beach Rescue Lifeguard Camp

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [24-1328](#) Proposed Project - Agreement for the Acceptance of Art, South Texas Alliance of Indigenous People of Corpus Christi

A motion of support was made by Mike Lehnert and it was seconded by Adam Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

G. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

4. [24-1479](#) Bayside Area Development Plan - Planning & Community Development Department

Annika Gunning-Yankee Manager with Planning & Community Development Department, presented item "4" for the record as shown above. She gave some background information on this project such as the area of study (approximately 16 square miles) and stated this project was initiated in June 2022. She stated this is considered a "long-range" plan which spans 20-30 years looking forward. She is presenting this to the Committee today because there are aspects of the plan under Parks and Recreation which refer to improving natural "Healthy Places"/"Green/Open Spaces", "Connected Networks" (trails/bicycle mobility), and Environmental aspects (bay water quality).

Ms. Yankee summarized the Vision Themes and Policy Initiatives of the Plan; the Top Action items from public input. A final draft will be completed soon and distributed to the public for a final round of input. Once any necessary edits are made to the Plan, the next steps include a first presentation to the Planning Commission and then a tentative schedule for City Council consideration and approval. After her presentation concluded, Chair Lindsey opened the floor for Committee comments/questions. Further discussion took place regarding key parks involved, erosion mitigation (short-term vs. long-term), trails adjacent to ditch/drainage canals and utilizing natural shade structures (Urban Forestry Management Plan). No action was taken on this item.

5. [24-1478](#) Parks & Recreation 10-Year Master Plan Updates

Mr. Dodd presented an update to item "5" for the record as shown above. He began by citing the goals of the Master Plan and followed with explaining the corresponding strategies that have been implemented/accomplished. Some of the progress updates he mentioned include an asset management plan (Maximo) and a branding program to replace deteriorated/outdated signage at recreation facilities; Master plans for Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park & Commodore Park have been completed. Athletic Field upgrades are in progress for the Greenwood Sports Complex; crews have been hired to concentrate on maintaining fields to competitive standards. Other progress updates included recreational program additions, promoting/expanding community events and the completion of PRAC's Strategic Action Plan. After the presentation the floor was opened for comments/questions. Further discussion took place regarding grant funding for future projects. No action was taken on this item.

H. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

For the Island Strategic Action Committee, it was determined that Linda Lindsey will act as liaison and Adam Rios would act as an alternate with Jay Gardner serving as backup.

For the Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee, it was determined that Jay Gardner would act as liaison.

Adopt-a-Park: Updates regarding the "Interest Form"

I. Future Agenda Items

- Budget/CIP
- Waldron Park
- Volunteers for litter removal

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.