



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, Basement Training Room

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established with Duke Canchola absent.

B. Introduction of New Committee Members

C. Public Comment

Jonathan Martinez, Coalition Coordinator for Project HOPE at the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation spoke to supporting the Resolution for item "3"; Terry Palmer at 13718 Sea Horse Avenue addressed the Committee and spoke to the need for soccer goals at Billish Park on North Padre Island.

D. Approval of Absences: Duke Canchola

A motion was made by Mike Lehnert to approve the absence listed above and it was seconded by Twila Stevens. The motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. [23-1382](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2023

A motion was made by Thomas Cronnon to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by Twila Stevens. The motion passed.

F. Director's Report

2. [23-1383](#) Parks & Recreation Department Updates - September

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

- Submarine Sail at Sherrill Park
- Veteran Beach Passes
- Community Input/Survey Results for Commodore Park Master Plan
- Amendments to the PARD Budget for FY24
- Water Sport Launching Sites
- Proposition for Electric ATV's

G. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [23-1276](#) Resolution Supporting the Prohibition of Smoking/Vaping in all Corpus Christi Parks.

A motion was made by Thomas Cronnon to approve the Resolution as listed above and it was seconded by Adam Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

4. [23-1316](#) Possible Change in PRAC Meeting Schedule - Second Wednesday of the Month vs. First Wednesday

After PRAC discussion, it was determined that a change in the schedule is not needed. No action was taken on this item and the PRAC meeting schedule will remain the same with no changes.

H. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

5. [23-1315](#) Nominations & Action Regarding Vice Chair Elections

A motion was made by Twila Stevens to nominate Thomas Cronnon for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Kellie Summers and the motion passed.

6. [23-1470](#) Election to Expand Type A Funding

Heather Hurlbert, Assistant City Manager, presented item "6" for the record as shown above. She began the presentation by explaining the current allowable uses (Arena/Seawall) of Type A funds and the proposition to expand uses. It is proposed to allocate 1/4 cent for the Convention Center Complex including the Seawall, regional parks, Commercial/Industrial streets (arterial/collector streets) and the Airport (new flight destination options). If approved, collections can be used for the specific items approved by voters without expiration or until a change is approved by voters. Annually, parks, streets and the Convention Center Complex will receive a minimum of 5% of the collections. The Airport will be allocated an annual amount not to exceed 5%.

Ms. Hurlbert listed the projects funded by the Type A Seawall funding such as the Water Garden Restoration, Science Museum Floodwall and McGee Beach Nourishment. She informed PRAC that City Council approved a Resolution defining Regional Parks to include Bill Witt, Cole, Commodore, Labonte, Parker, Salinas and West Guth. Each of the five Council districts have a minimum of one regional park and are within a five mile radius of each other.

Ms. Hurlbert concluded the presentation by going over the next steps and the election process. The election will be on November 7, 2023 to approve the repurpose of 1/4 cent after the existing debt is paid in full. She also supplied the sample ballot language for the proposition. After her presentation, the floor was opened for questions/comments. No action was taken on this item.

I. Subcommittee & Committee Liaison Reports

Island Strategic Action Committee: Ms. Stevens mentioned that there was discussion regarding Riley P. Dog Park and how the site does not have access to water. Other topics mentioned were the Island Mobility Plan and the upcoming stakeholder meeting; Erosion; Resolution for the rate of pay increase for beach lifeguards.

Chair Lindsey gave a recap on the Mayor's Commendation recognizing Adopt-a-Park Partners for their volunteer service to our community. She said that Adopt-A-Park is going strong and new partners have been recruited.

A liaison for the Bayside Area Development Plan is no longer needed and will be removed from this list. There was no update for WBAC. PRAC will be determining new members for the Strategic Action Plan and Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity subcommittees so that these committees can move forward.

J. Future Agenda Items

- Update on Riley P. Dog Park - No Water?
- Possible initiation of a Military Subcommittee for PRAC
- Public Comment - Proposed Soccer Goals at Billish Park
- Oso Preserve Concerns (benches/snakes/signage)
- Operation/Maintenance of parks/facilities

K. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.