



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 15, 2024

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 Thomas Cronnon and Howard Schauer absent.

B. Public Comment

Shirin Delsooz at 6030 Tapestry addressed the Committee and spoke to a grant program offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife that would provide funding (80%), if approved, for mobility trails in the City.

C. Approval of Absences: Jerry Plemons

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [23-1910](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024

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

E. Director's Report

2. [24-0206](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for February 2024

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

- Miradors & Seawall Upgrades (lighting) and the upcoming ceremony on March 1, 2024
- Cole Park (playground closure, press release, fencing & project completion)
- Sherrill Park
- Possible future Wranonsky Park budget initiatives
- Upcoming City Council Items
- The opening of Sherwood Dog Park (future light installations)
- PARD Promotional video
- Parker Park redesign

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

G. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [24-0232](#) Possible Ordinance Regarding Prohibition of Smoking/Tobacco Products in Certain Outdoor Areas

Staff updated the Committee that this item has been withdrawn from a future City Council agenda for their consideration as Council/City Leadership feels that broader community support is needed for a successful adoption. Staff ask for PRAC's assistance in fostering broader community support, whether it be through the school district or health professionals. Chair Lindsey requested to put this topic on the next agenda for further discussion. No action was taken.

4. [24-0207](#) Adopt-A-Park Applications

Chair Lindsey distributed a document which explained the proposed application process to adopt a park that involves three separate tiers with specific directions/tasks. The tiers advance with responsibility with Tier 3 being the most involved. The subcommittee has been working to streamline this process and to also make the application available to be submitted online. The goal in improving the application process was to give a concise understanding of the responsibilities in adopting a park so that people would be highly interested in participating. No action was taken.

5. [24-0244](#) Bird City Texas Program

PRAC member, Joan Adams-Wolfe gave information on the application process which involves rigorous requirements for certification. She presented a brief informational video from the Texas Parks & Wildlife regarding Bird City Texas. She expressed how becoming a Bird City can be beneficial, particularly through tourism since Corpus Christi is a coast community with migratory birds. The certification process involves partnerships with several organizations, non-profit businesses and local institutions. To bring awareness of Bird City, she said the next step would be to bring organizations together to discuss involvement. Chair Lindsey suggested creating a possible subcommittee for this effort. No action was taken but it was specified to have this topic on the next agenda.

H. Subcommittee & Committee Liaison Reports

Twila Stevens gave the following updates for ISAC:

- Dredging/Beach Nourishment is complete (two-way lane from Whitecap to 3A Jetty)
- Lifeguard recruitment
- Commodore Park Master Plan - Community Engagement
- Beach rescue facility at Lively Beach
- Steepness of boat ramps at Packery Channel
- New water line for a fish cleaning station at Packery Channel
- Padre Island Mobility Plan

I. Future Agenda Items

- Bird City
- Proposed Ordinance for Smoking Prohibition

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.