



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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: 8 - Linda Lindsey, Shawn Flanagan, Adam Rios, Joan Adams-Wolfe, Joe De La Paz, George Woods, Jay N. Gardner, and Mark Borgeson

Absent: 2 - James Lehnert, and Thomas Cronnon

B. Public Comment

Sheryl Segrist at 14965 Canadian Mist Drive addressed the Committee and spoke to a proposal to construct a skate park in the North Padre Island area. She is currently a Committee member with the Island Strategic Action Committee in which they passed a Resolution to place a skate park at Billish Park. She stated that certain Island residents have offered to raise private funds to accomplish this goal with the prospect that the City will match those funds or with the prospect that Parks & Recreation will consider this as a budget initiative for FY26. She feels that utilizing Billish Park for a skate park will accelerate the project.

Shirin Delsooz at 6030 Tapestry Street addressed the Committee and spoke to grants for hike and bike trails.

Kien Villegas at 6030 Tapestry Street addressed the Committee and in his opinion, prefers playground amenities that are offered in other Texas cities versus Corpus Christi.

C. Approval of Absences

A motion to approve the absence of Joan Wolfe was made by Jay Gardner and it was seconded by George Woods. The motion passed.

A motion to approve the absence of Mike Lehnert was made by Joan Wolfe and it was seconded by Jay Gardner. The motion passed.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [24-0972](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2025

A motion was made by Jay Gardner to approve the minutes listed above and it was seconded by George Woods. The motion passed.

E. Director's Report

2. [24-0351](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for February 2025

Robert Dodd, Director of Parks and Recreation, updated the Committee on the following items:

- Marina Master Plan
- Staff Response to Skate Park Resolution (Billish Park)
- Emergency Refuge Shelter Activation
- Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park
- Commodore Park Master Plan
- Tom Graham Park
- Policy/Procedure for City Surplus Equipment
- Current Grant Funds
- Upcoming PARD Events

F. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [25-0181](#) Discussion or Action Regarding a Proposed Resolution Supporting the Implementation of a Skatepark at Billish Park located at 15601 Gypsy Street

A Resolution was recently passed through the Island Strategic Action Committee (ISAC) for the proposal of a new skate park to be located at Billish Park. The Resolution has been forwarded to City Council for their consideration to place on a future Council agenda for action.

A motion of support for ISAC's Resolution was made by Shawn Flanagan and it was seconded by Joe De La Paz. The floor was opened for Committee discussion. The Committee feels that there is enough space to place a skate park at Billish Park; this location is favorable as there is enough parking space. It was also discussed that the potential scope for this project would not need to be as advanced/similar to the skate park located at West Guth Park.

City Staff emphasized that if this project were to be executed, much City oversight would need to be involved to ensure the project follows code requirements (construction/engineering).

City Legal Staff have reviewed a Reimbursement agreement from 2017 with the Padre Island Property Owners Association (PIPOA). There is nothing within the agreement that prohibits the construction of a skate park at Billish Park. The Agreement reimbursed PIPOA for their payments for initial upgrades/construction at the park. Once those improvements were complete, the ownership of the park was turned over to the City. After construction was completed, PIPOA agreed to maintain the park only, but the agreement does not give them any other rights to the park. Should a skate park be constructed, the agreement would need to be updated to clarify that the City would maintain the skate

park.

After discussion concluded, the Committee took a vote for the motion on the floor. The motion passed unanimously to support ISAC's Resolution.

4. [25-0159](#) Discussion Regarding Proposed Parks & Recreation Budget Initiatives/Priorities for FY26

Mr. Dodd began the discussion by advising PRAC to also consider recommendations for reductions in the Parks & Recreation budget for FY26.

Chair Lindsey proposed recommendations for more shade at Al Kruze Tennis Center and for additional amenities at Brockhampton Park. Brockhampton Park currently has a shaded playground, basketball court and two shaded picnic tables. PRAC member Mark asked if controlling sticker burrs parks and gopher mounds within City parks could be considered as these issues may contribute to adopt-a-park deterrence. No action was taken on this item.

G. Committee Liaison or Subcommittee Reports

Island Strategic Action Committee - Jay Gardner stated the Committee discussed the following topics:

- Upcoming Barefoot Mardi Gras Parade
- Drought Preparedness
- Commodore Park Master Plan
- Permit for Seawall Repairs
- TIRZ 2 Budget Initiatives
- Ulberg/Aquarius Park Adopt-A-Park Designations
- Skate Park

PRAC Member Gardner also gave an update for the Watershore & Beach Advisory Committee and stated they discussed the GLO Grant for Shoreline Stabilization.

Adopt-a-Park: Chair Lindsey

- Signage
- Update on recent adoptions since December (3)
- Outreach

H. Future Agenda Items

- Budget Discussion

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.