



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, Texas
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Meeting Agenda - Final

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Basement Training Room

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee shall advise the City Council as to all public parks and the buildings therein, public outdoor recreation areas and centers, and any other grounds placed under its purview by the City Manager.

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

B. Public Comment

Members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to speak at the Committee meeting. Please give your name and address, and state your point as briefly as possible. Please be advised that the Open Meetings Act prohibits the board members from responding to or discussing your comments at length. The law only authorizes them to do the following:

- 1) Make a statement of factual information;*
- 2) Recite an existing policy in response to the inquiry; or*
- 3) Advise the citizen that this subject will be placed on an agenda at a later date.*

C. Approval of Absences: Thomas Cronnon

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [24-0350](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2024

Attachments: [Draft04.10204](#)

E. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

2. [24-0705](#) Proposed Commodore Park Master Plan Renderings - Philip Ramirez, Turner-Ramirez Architects

Attachments: [Commodore Park Phasing](#)

F. Director's Report

3. [24-0351](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for May 2024

Attachments: [Directors Report - 05.08.2024](#)

G. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

- Island Strategic Action Committee
- Water Shore & Beach Advisory Committee
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Connectivity Subcommittee

- Adopt -A -Park Subcommittee
- PRAC Strategic Action Plan Subcommittee

H. Future Agenda Items

I. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

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A. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established with Thomas Cronnon absent.

B. Public Comment

Cheryl Segrest at 14965 Canadian Mist Drive, addressed the Committee and advocated for a skate park on the Island as it does not currently have one that is near by.

Joe Benavides at 410 Atlantic Street addressed the Committee representing/supporting the Instituto Cultura de Hispanica (ICH). Mr. Benavides spoke to grants and emphasized if ICH could be considered for future grants.

C. Approval of Absences: Twila Stevens & Kellie Summers

A motion was made by Mike Lehnert to approve the absences listed above and it was seconded by Adam Rios. The motion passed.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [24-0350](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2024

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

E. New Business for Discussion

2. [24-0470](#) Briefing Regarding Type-A Sales Tax Reauthorization, Heather Hurlbert, Assistant City Manager

Heather Hurlbert, Assistant City Manager, presented item "2" for the record as shown above. She began the presentation by giving some background information regarding what Type A sales taxes are authorized for, eligible projects and engagement that has taken place since the 2023 Election. She then explained the baseline reauthorization uses that are proposed by City Council for the Downtown Seawall and American Bank Center Arena.

It is proposed to expand Type A Sales Tax use to the whole American Bank Center

Arena which includes the Convention Center and the Selena Auditorium. Also proposed is to add certain City owned buildings/assets in the Sports, Entertainment, and Arts (SEA) District including Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, Art Museum of South Texas, Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures & Education Center, Harbor Playhouse and the Water Garden.

For the Sea Wall, it is proposed to add City-wide flood, drainage, stormwater, and coastal resiliency projects that would support new or expanded business enterprises. It is proposed to remove the use for public facilities including the Marina, Art Museum, Art Center, and other public facilities along the Seawall.

Ms. Hurlbert went over the next steps leading up to election in November 2024 which includes community engagement meetings and a community survey. After the presentation concluded, the floor was opened for comments/questions from the Committee. Discussion took place regarding the American Bank Center Arena and Ms. Hurlbert clarified that the revenue that is produced by the Type A sales tax is a dedicated funding source; the full amount of funding will be used for the completion of projects.

She stated that Staff have identified up to \$80 million in repairs, modifications or improvements for the Arena that are affecting current operations. As a side note, she stated it was determined that up to \$300 million would be needed for a full expansion of the Arena such as an additional ballroom, expanding the current exhibit hall and a parking structure to accommodate the expansion. This type of project would not utilize the Type A tax but could be explored further down the road if there was much feedback supporting this option. She stated that the Type A tax will not be used to fund a hotel and the City can use other funding sources if it was decided to move forward with that type of project. She also clarified the difference between Capital Improvement projects.

F. Director's Report

3. [24-0351](#) Parks & Recreation Updates for May 2024

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

- Completion of West Guth Park Playground
- Additional benches at Aquarius Park
- New Lighting at Westchester Park
- Sturdier Adopt-A-Park/311 Signage
- Pavers for Sherrill Park
- Good News Items/Upcoming Events

G. Committee Liaison & Subcommittee Reports

ISAC (Twila Stevens):

- Public Comment regarding Riley Dog Park (Affluent water/Future Agenda item)
- Spring Break Statistics
- Lifeguards

WBAC/BMAC (Howard Schauer):

- Beach Permits
- Packery Channel Ribbon Cutting
- Beach Flooding
- Corp of Engineers (Permit)
- Erosion Response Plan
- GLO Briefing - Beach Dune Protection
- Smoking Ban in City Parks

H. Future Agenda Items

- Skate Park
- Wranosky Park

I. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



COMMODORE PARK

COMMODORE PARK CONCEPT PHASE 1A

SCALE: 1" = 50'-0"



TURNER | RAMIREZ ARCHITECTS

Swordfish St
Commodore Park
Carl's Fishing Adventures



COMMODORE PARK

SHALLOW BIRDING POND

BIRD OBSERVATION

TENNIS COURTS

PICKLEBALL COURTS

COVERED PAVILLION

PICKLEBALL COURTS

KIDS PLAYGROUND

COMMUNITY POOL

BATH HOUSE

EXISTING BUILDING

COMMODORE PARK CONCEPT PHASE 1B

SCALE: 1" = 50'-0"



TURNER | RAMIREZ ARCHITECTS

Swordfish St
Commodore Park
Carl's Fishing Adventures

WORKOUT STATION #1

WORKOUT STATION #2

WORKOUT STATION #3

WORKOUT STATION #4

WORKOUT STATION #5

WORKOUT STATION #6

WORKOUT STATION #7



COMMODORE PARK

COMMODORE PARK CONCEPT PHASE 2

SCALE: 1" = 50'-0"



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Swordfish St
Commodore Park
Carl's Fishing Adventures



COMMODORE PARK

SHALLOW BIRDING POND

TOTAL PARKING (136 SPACES)

COMMUNITY POOL

BATH HOUSE

GYMNASIUM

COMMUNITY CENTER

COVERED PAVILLION

PICKLEBALL COURTS

KIDS PLAYGROUND

TENNIS COURTS

PICKLEBALL COURTS

BIRD OBSERVATION

WORKOUT STATION #1

WORKOUT STATION #2

WORKOUT STATION #3

WORKOUT STATION #4

WORKOUT STATION #5

WORKOUT STATION #6

WORKOUT STATION #7

COMMODORE PARK CONCEPT PHASE 3

SCALE: 1" = 50'-0"



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Parks & Recreation Department Updates

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PRAC Follow-Up Questions



PARK UPDATES

Lozano Golf Course: Firefly & Practice Range Project - Ribbon cutting ceremony will be tentatively scheduled at the end of June.

Collier Park Water Fountain: Fountain is working - Concrete slab has been poured & potable water line has been installed.



USS City of CC Sail & Next Steps:

- The Sea Turtles will begin the restoration process of assembling, sandblasting, and painting work on the sail.
- The Sea Turtles will submit design/construction plans to include the base & implementation of the Master Plan to the Engineering Department for review/approval.
- The organization is responsible for any design and construction costs per the agreement.
- The City will continue working with The Sea Turtles on installation timeline as well as their funding availability for completion of the project per the parameters set in the agreement.





The Sail arrived on May 1st.



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BUDGET/BOND

- PARD Team identify needs/propose recommendations and meet with City Leadership (including Engineering/Finance) and Stakeholders.
- City Leadership assess/determine/initiate priorities.



BEACH OPERATIONS UPDATE

- The Corp of Engineers permit to move sand from North Packery Channel to South Packery Channel is still under review. North Packery has excess sand, We will continue to monitor the process.
- PARD is working with key members of the beach community, along with Committee Chairpersons to share ideas & concerns that have been brought to our attention.





GOOD NEWS 😊



April 20th CommuniTree Shannen Park





SUMMER EVENTS

PARKS & RECREATION EVENT CALENDAR:

cctexas.com/play

The website provides upcoming event information for:

- Free Youth Self-Defense Classes
- Indoor Soccer Leagues (High School/Adult)
- Youth Summer/Sport Camps
- Beach Lifeguard Tryouts



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SPLASH & PLAY

SALINAS PARK SPLASH PAD

- FAMILY TIMES
- WATER ACTIVITIES
- FOOD TRUCKS

JUNE 1 • 10AM - 12PM

**ITALIAN ICE SNOW CONE GIVEAWAYS
FOR FIRST 50 ATTENDEES**

FREE
FOR ALL

LIVE. LEARN. PLAY!
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CINCO DE MAYO

PACHANGA IN THE PARK



May 5 | 1 pm - 6 pm | West Guth Park
Mariachi Group | DJ MUSIC
Moon Jumps | Games
Food Trucks | Beer Garden



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED:

- May 14, 2024: Service Agreement for mowing & grounds maintenance of athletic fields.
- May 21, 2024: Service Agreement to purchase & install shade trees at 35 City parks for Council Districts 1 – 5.

