



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, August 14, 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, Kellie Summers, Shawn Flanagan, James Lehnert, Adam Rios, Thomas Cronnon, Joan Adams-Wolfe, Joe De La Paz, and George Woods

Absent: 2 - Kellie Summers, and Thomas Cronnon

B. Public Comment

Kathryn Oler at 1400 Ocean Drive addressed the Committee and spoke to her interest in Item "3". She expressed concerns regarding proposed projects around the T-Heads and how the plan lacks incorporating kayak activities.

Deborah Fisher at 1001 Carmel Parkway addressed the Committee and advocated for outreach activities to assist with litter removal. She gave personal accounts of her experience with using volunteer/youth groups and non-profit organizations to pick up litter at parks/beaches.

Sara Jose at 645 Sharon Drive addressed the Committee and spoke to Item "4". More specifically, the proposed budget reductions at the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve. She mentioned she was a former City employee at the Preserve and how she wanted to voice her support for the Preserve after much public objection to the budget reductions. She made some brief arguments in support of the Preserve along with background information. She stated that careful management by knowledgeable City Staff has allowed the Oso Bay ecosystem to flourish. She stated that reducing programming at the Preserve contradicts the core Park Pillars of Live, Learn and Play. She also suggested some alternative ideas that could help avoid the proposed reductions.

Larry Running Turtle at 1929 Yale Street addressed the Committee and spoke in support of Item "6".

C. Approval of Absences: Thomas Cronnon & Adam Rios

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

D. Approval of Minutes

1. [24-0972](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2024

Chair Lindsey called for a motion to approve the minutes. Twila Stevens asked that a correction be made to the minutes to include her statement regarding the budget item for median upgrades. For this initiative, her statement suggested to utilize native plants that do not mature at a tall height so that views of the bay are not obstructed for adjacent homeowners. A motion was made by Shawn Flanagan to approve the minutes with an amendment to add Ms. Stevens comment above. The motion was seconded by George Woods and the motion passed.

E. Director's Report

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

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

- Bill Witt Aquatic Center
- Adopt-A-Park
- Disabled Veteran's Beach Parking Permits
- Safety Outreach Coordinator
- Waldron Park

F. Unfinished Business for Discussion or Possible Action

3. [24-0916](#) Proposed Marina Master Plan

Jonathan Atwood, Marina Superintendent, informed the Committee that this is an action item. He first presented the Plan to the Committee on June 12, 2024. He stated the Master Plan is tentatively scheduled for City Council consideration on August 20, 2024. The floor was opened for Committee comments/questions.

Mr. Flanagan felt that adopting a master plan for the Marina, with a potentially massive budget, may be bad timing with the proposed FY 24 -25 budget reductions for the City. Ms. Stevens expressed that placing commercial nodes along the seawall would not be a good idea because it would detract from precious views of the bay, and other Committee members agreed.. Discussion also included concerns for flooding if commercial construction took place along the seawall. Some Committee members were uncertain in supporting the Plan as they felt they still had unresolved questions.

Chair Lindsey abstained from voting on this item to avoid a possible outcome of a tie vote. A motion supporting the Marina Master Plan was made by Joe De La Paz and it was seconded by Mike Lehnert. The motion did not pass with George Woods, Shawn Flanagan, Joan Wolfe, Howard Schauer and Twila Stevens voting "No".

4. [24-0917](#) Proposed Annual Operating and Capital Budget for FY 25 -Parks & Recreation Department

PRAC Budget discussions have been ongoing since June. This item was placed back on the agenda due to much public concern over possible budget reductions for Programming/Staff Positions at the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve, reduction of operating hours at the Bill Witt Aquatic Center and the proposal to privatize two Senior Centers (Greenwood/Zavala).

Mr. Dodd clarified that the Greenwood Senior Center has been closed since the start of the COVID pandemic and reopened within the past year. Due to this hiatus, registered membership declined as former attendees began going to Broadmoor Senior Center. For the past eight years, Zavala Senior Center/Nutrition Site has been managed by WellMed but PARD Staff provide/serve food to seniors during the lunch hour. Mr. Dodd stated the proposed budget is scheduled for City Council on September 3, 2024 for the first reading and the second reading is scheduled for September 10, 2024. No action was taken on this item.

G. New Business for Discussion or Possible Action

5. [24-1301](#) Overview Process for 311, Maximo and Preventative Maintenance

Mr. Dodd presented item "6" at the request of PRAC. The presentation began with a short video which can be found on YouTube explaining how 311 can be utilized. The presentation went over 311 work orders and how they are processed from initiation to completion. He further explained that the Planner/scheduler has implemented preventative maintenance plans annually, monthly, weekly, and daily into Maximo for assets that Parks and Recreation maintains. These preventative maintenance inspections are automatically generated into Maximo, and are assigned to the appropriate personnel to perform the inspections. No action was taken on this item.

6. [24-1328](#) Proposed Project - Agreement for the Acceptance of Art, South Texas Alliance of Indigenous People of Corpus Christi

For this item, Chair Lindsey recognized Larry Running Turtle to give a brief statement supporting the proposed project at Hans Suter Park. The project would be a monument to commemorate the history of local tribes and the archeological significance of the site (2nd largest Indian Burial Ground in Texas). He summarized what the monument will include and its purpose. He stated the group has donors aligned for fundraising and the group will also be responsible for all maintenance of the monument. At this time, they do not have a confirmed construction timeline for completion. A motion to table this item was made by Howard Schauer and it was seconded by Mike Lehnert. The motion passed.

H. Subcommittee & Committee Liaison Reports

I. Future Agenda Items

- Bayside Area Development Plan
- 10-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.