



City of Brenham Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, beginning at 12:00 p.m. at Brenham City Hall, Conference Room 2-A, 200 W. Vulcan Street Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Paula Buls
Luis Mendoza
Lee Chalmers
Bill Betts
Delbert Boeker
Andrea Fischer
Ginger Bosse
Matthew Wehring

Members absent:

Jim Baker

Others present:

Assistant City Manager of Public Services and Utilities Donald Reese, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Casey Redman, Tammy Jaster, Crystal Locke, and Kevin Boggus

Others present:

Media Present:

Alyssa Faykus, Brenham Banner Press

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Citizens/Visitor Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for a Term of One (1) Year

A motion was made by Board Member Delbert Boeker and seconded by Board Member Paula Buls to re-elect Bill Betts as Chairperson and Luis Mendoza as Vice Chairperson.

The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Board Member Jim Baker	Absent
Board Member Bill Betts	Yes
Board Member Delbert Boeker	Yes
Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes
Board Member Paula Buls	Yes
Board Member Lee Chalmers	Yes
Board Member Luis Mendoza	Yes
Board Member Andrea Fischer	Yes
Board Member Matthew Wehring	Yes

WORK SESSION

4. Presentation and Discussion Related to the Review of the Action Plan in the City of Brenham Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Master Plan for 2015 – 2025

Community Services Specialist Crystal Locke presented this item. Locke explained that the City secured funding for plan development from Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) in FY14 and created a 10-year Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Master Plan. Locke advised that staff collected data, organized community meetings and focus groups, determined goals based on community input, and delivered an Action Plan. The Action Plan was developed by comparing the demand for recreation to the existing inventory of parks and recreation opportunities. Locke explained that the Action Plan contained three action areas – Park Development, Facilities, and Trails, and provided an overview of each of the action areas.

Director of Public Works Dane Rau presented a rendering of the splash pad to the Board. Rau informed the Board that the H-E-B Tournament of Champions Charitable Trust (H-E-B TOC) supported the splash pad project by giving a donation in the amount of \$50,000. Chairperson Bill Betts noted that the H-E-B contribution was greatly appreciated.

Locke reminded the Board that staff would likely present fiscal year (FY) 2021 Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) projects at the April meeting.

5. Discussion Related to the Brenham Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Master Plan 5-Year Update

Community Services Specialist Crystal Locke presented this item. Locke advised the Board that Parks and Recreation staff have engaged with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to conduct community engagement for the 5-year update to the Brenham Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Master Plan. Locke noted that staff met with Jamie Rae Walker and Kelsey Coats in January for a brief windshield tour of the Brenham Parks system, discussed the input process, and talked about general survey topics for the community survey. Locke explained the 2020 Citizen Preference timeline with the Board, which included planning, pop-up engagements, survey, analysis, and workshops.

Locke stated the planning piece of the community engagement timeline took place from late December to early February where staff reviewed previous data and started looking at goals and timelines for the project.

Locke advised the Board that the pop-up community engagement sessions would begin February 18-25 and explained the difference between hosting focus groups and pop-up engagements. Locke noted the pop-up engagements would consist of 21 sessions at approximately 13-17 public locations throughout the community pending permission. Locke shared a list and map of potential locations, divided by City wards. Board Member Lee Chalmers mentioned contacting Walmart and Board Member Luis Mendoza suggested Champion Fellowship Church. Chairperson Bill Betts asked staff to send a schedule of pop-up events to the Board when finalized.

Locke further explained possible citizen engagement topics and survey topics to include in a stratified survey tentatively scheduled to be sent by mail on March 25. Locke added the analysis of the data would take place mid-April to mid-May with a draft to be completed by May 30, 2020, and presented to the Board on June 10, 2020.

6. Discussion Related to the 2020 Meeting Dates for the City of Brenham's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Chairperson Bill Betts requested the Board take note of the proposed 2020 meeting dates. Locke mentioned the Brenham Community Development Corporation (BCDC) projects would likely be presented at the April date. No additional action was needed.

REGULAR SESSION

7. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the November 13, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Delbert Boeker and seconded by Board Member Paula Buls to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2019 regular meeting.

Chairperson Betts called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Board Member Jim Baker	Absent
Board Member Bill Betts	Yes
Board Member Delbert Boeker	Yes
Board Member Ginger Bosse	Yes
Board Member Paula Buls	Yes
Board Member Lee Chalmers	Yes
Board Member Luis Mendoza	Yes
Board Member Andrea Fischer	Yes
Board Member Matthew Wehring	Yes

8. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Silver Sneakers Program at the Blue Bell Aquatic Center

Blue Bell Aquatic Center Superintendent Tammy Jaster presented this item. Jaster explained that staff has been working with Tivity Health Services, Silver Sneakers, to complete an agreement for Silver Sneakers to be used at the Blue Bell Aquatic Center. Jaster stated that Silver Sneaker members receive access to fitness centers at no cost to the individuals. Jaster advised the Board that Silver Sneakers would pay the Blue Bell Aquatic Center based on the usage of eligible members. Jaster noted that the final contract would be presented at the City Council meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020.

9. Parks and Recreation Staff Updates

Parks Maintenance

Parks Superintendent Casey Redman provided the following updates:

- Pickleball fence replacement completed
- Schulte, Schwartz, and Van Dyke fields resurfaced
- 13 sets of bleachers assembled and distributed to Hohlt Park
- New scoreboards installed at the softball fields at Hohlt Park
- Fireman's Field press box exterior upgrades completed
- Schulte Field turf mound installed
- Working with vendor on playground equipment for Jerry Wilson Park
- Henderson Park Phase II and Phase III in progress
- Washington County Little League and Washington County Youth Soccer Association would begin March 16
- Hohlt Park creek repairs are underway
- Fireman's Park bridge repairs have started

- Splashpad at Henderson Park coming soon

Tournament update:

- Parks hosted two Brenham ISD soccer tournaments
- 28 tournaments scheduled for the remainder of the year

Administration

Director of Public Works Dane Rau provided the following updates:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant funded project was received and used to solidify the creek channels at Hohlt Park and Jackson Street Park

Blue Bell Aquatic Center (BBAC)

Blue Bell Aquatic Center Superintendent Tammy Jaster provided the following updates:

- Visits: current daily visits, passes, and revenues were presented to the Board along with an update on Tradewinds Aquatic Therapy operating at the pool
- Staffing: working on hiring and training staff for spring, attending trainings and conferences
- A list of work in progress and completed maintenance projects were presented
- A list of programs, publicity, and special events were presented
- BBAC and PARK Central usage for December and January were presented
- The BBAC received the following awards at this year's Texas Public Pool Counsel (TPPC) Conference: Agency of the Year – Class III (population 50,000 or less), Public Outreach Photograph Challenge winner, and Staff Training Photograph Challenge winner

Recreation

Updates regarding program and event participant re-caps, completed projects, work in progress, and future programs and events were discussed throughout the meeting.

Dane Rau added that the City received an LCRA Steps Forward Grant and a bocce ball court would be added adjacent to the pickleball courts at Jackson Street Park.


10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Betts
Chair

ATTEST:



Crystal Locke
Staff Liaison