

**THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
MINUTE RECORD OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Following notice and publication, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting at 3:30 p.m., **January 25, 2024**, in the Station 618 Office Suite Conference Room, 618 S. Chadbourne St., San Angelo, Texas.

Board Members Present were Dee Jay Wilde, Benjamin Brojakowski, Cie Rangel, Emily Jane Cowen, Alicia Olshanski and Allison Schwarz. **Staff Members Present** were Theresa James, Roger Havlak, Aaron Kentner, Al Torres and Carl White. Guests present were Kevin Little, Chris Adams, Jackie Chestnutt, Sean Fuentes and Chase Twombly. The minutes were recorded by Barbara Stallworth.

I. OPEN SESSION (3:30 P.M.)

A. Call to Order

Mr. Wilde called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. Public Comment

Mr. White introduced Benjamin Brojakowski as a newly appointed board member and Mr. Brojakowski gave a brief announcement to explain his background and his experience related to serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approving the October 26, 2023 minutes. Ms. Rangel motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cowen and it passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Cowen opened with a motion to nominate Dee Jay Wilde for Chair. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schwarz. The motion carried with (6) ayes to (0) nay, with no public comment. Mr. Wilde made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cowen to nominate Cia Rangel as the Vice Chair. The (6) ayes to (0) nay, with no public comment.

3. Consider a request for a Boy Scout Eagle project at the Civic League Park Pavilion and recommend any related matters. Mr. White announced that the Eagle Scout candidate has expressed that he is no longer interested in this project due to having to personally relocate and this project will not be moving forward.

4. Consider a request to place a skateboard half-pipe and other skate elements on the court slab at Mountain View Park and recommend any related matters. Mr. White showed aerial photos of the Mountain View Park as well as the area that will be discussed. Mr. White showed examples and a proposed layout of the equipment. Chris Adams discussed the elements and construction of the proposed skate park equipment. Ms. Chestnutt commented in opposition to the request, stating she felt there was a lack of interest in the community for a skate park. She continued by saying she felt it would be difficult to maintain and a poor usage of funds. Mr. Little stated that there was a large interest in the community for more skate parks and there is a need for skate parks that are located in others areas of town that can be more accessible. Mr. Adams made another comment stating that the equipment will be built and maintained for free by him. The board discussed in favor of the request as long as it is maintained. Ms. Olshanski made a motion, seconded by Cie Rangel, to approve the request temporarily for one (1) year to monitor the maintenance and usage of the equipment. The motion carried unanimously (6) ayes to (0) nays, with no public comment.

5. Consider a request to implement a new 9-hole disc golf course at Jaime Padron Memorial Park and recommend any related matters. Mr. White showed an aerial view of the Jaime Padron Memorial Park with details of the area discussed. Mr. White showed details of the equipment and requirements of the course. Sean Fuentes discussed his request and showed an example of a course layout to the board. Mr. Fuentes stated the group is planning on building and maintaining the course, as well as adopt the park and keep the area clean. Ms. Chestnutt addressed the board and stated her opinion on the importance of maintenance of this project. Ms. Schwarz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Olshanski, to implement a 9-hole

disc golf course at Jaime Padron Memorial Park after the board approves a finalized layout of course prior to construction.

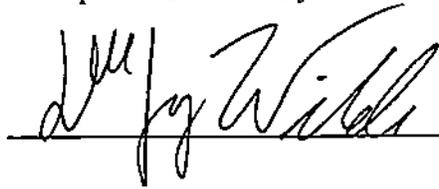
6. **Discuss helping to create a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization for future support of the parks and recreation system and recommended any related matters.** Mr. White showed a presentation on examples of 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organizations and suggested a sub-committee be created to assist in moving forward. After some positive comments on the topic, Mr. Wilde, Ms. Cowan and Ms. Olshanski volunteered for the sub-committee.

7. **Hear and discuss several updates in Parks and Recreation to include: splash pads, Bell Park playground, restrooms at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, recent and upcoming tournaments, activities and events and other projects and programs.** Ms. Olshanski announced that construction on the splash pad, located at Unidad Park, should be started within the next 8-12 weeks. Once the splash pad is completed, training on the equipment will be set up. She explained that efforts are still being made to collect funding for the second splash pad, located at Kirby Park. Mr. Havlak gave an update on the Parks Department. Mr. Havlak discussed the improvements being made at Bell Park and Unidad Park. Mr. White announced the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park restrooms are completed and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on February 2, 2024, at 1:30pm. Mr. Kentner discussed the progression of the youth basketball league with 50-60 teams currently. Mr. Kentner informed the group of Date Night which is an annual event. Mr. Twombly stated the lily collection is doing well and is in a dormant stage.

8. **Consider future agenda items and discuss the next meeting date.** The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 3:30pm.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wilde motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:30pm. This motion was seconded by Ms. Schwarz and it passed unanimously.



Approved