



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 13th day of June, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Determine if Quorum is Present.

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the following Commissioners in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Carolyn Gabriel, Michelle Alonzo, Kris Ericson-Cano, and Alternate Joyce Trent. Absent were David Smith, Jack Dean, Kathy Hill, and Geraldine Rodriguez-Smith. Also present was Staff member David Dimaline.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the May 9, 2019 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Trent made a motion to approve the May 9, 2019 Regular Park Commission meeting minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Cano. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens wishing to speak.

4. Reports: Activities or Events that Impact Parks or Access to Parks:

A. Discussion and Action – Silo Mural Recommendations (Commissioners).

Commissioner Michelle Alonzo presented her handout of a mural design to be painted on each of the Silos, which included space for an interactive wildflower garden and butterfly public planting gardens. She explained that one mural would consist of a bluebonnet, and the other mural a monarch butterfly. She said her husband also shared an idea of having a lion with a butterfly landing on its nose. She noted that the idea behind the wildflower garden would be to provide a green space area for residents to learn about gardening skills and rainwater collection.

Commissioner Cano asked about any future development of the commercial site, and about providing access to the site for the gardeners. Staff member Dimaline stated that some development proposals have been presented by the property owner, but he was unaware of any current development proposal. He mentioned

the City did construct a sewer main to the rear of the property in exchange for the Silos..

Commissioner Gabriel noted that rainwater collection might cause mosquitos if let sit for too long. Chairman Christensen stated that he liked the concept of the murals. He mentioned there were wildflower and butterfly gardens at Raymond Rimkus Park that needed to be better maintained. He commended Commissioner Alonzo for her design of the silo murals. Commissioner Trent stated that she also liked the idea of the murals and possibly having the largest bluebonnet and butterfly murals.

Commissioner Alonzo stated that Texas A&M may be a possible resource that could help with a garden concept. Commissioner Bolton stated that Color Spot could also be a possible resource that might donate some plants for the proposed garden area. She also stated that she had a point of contact for the painting of the murals and that she would share with staff. Commissioner Trent stated that she had a contact through the Library that could possibly provide help with the murals.

Chairman Christensen stated that he would like to schedule a future Park Commission meeting at the silo property and asked if the City staff could mark the City's property in relation to the commercial parcel.

B. Presentation on the 4th of July Planned Events at Raymond Rimkus Park (M. Mendoza).

Staff member Dimaline provided an overview of the 4th of July event, explaining that the Pioneer 5K Fun Run and Walk would begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by the annual parade. He then provided an overview of the 5K route and explained that a portion of the race would be through Raymond Rimkus Park. He stated that the 4th of July Parade would begin at 9:30 a.m. at the DPS facility and then turn right on Poss Road, continuing to the Skate Ranch. He then stated that the Raymond Rimkus Park Festival would be held from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., with the fireworks show being scheduled after dusk, with approximately 11 food vendors and 7 carnival type rides in attendance.

C. Discussion and Action – Prohibition of Motor Assisted and Dockless Scooters in the Park System (Commissioners).

Chairman Christensen stated he was concerned about not being briefed in advance about this item. He suggested to the Park Commission that they recommend under Ordinance 2018-27 City Park and Recreational zones be included in this Ordinance.

Commissioner Alonzo stated that she is concerned about overall transportation quality of life, and making sure everyone has adequate opportunities for transportation. She asked if the Park Commission could move forward but re-

visit the issue at a later time, in case future improvements are made to motor assisted and dockless scooters.

Chairman Christensen made a motion to incorporate City Park and Recreational Zones as defined in Ordinance 2018-27 within the Prohibition of Motor Assisted and Dockless Scooters Ordinance language, which was seconded by Commissioner Cano.

5. Other Business – Discussion and Action – Consider Revisions to Article 1.06 Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Section 1.06.005 Park Commission, to Consider Revisions to the Code to Add or Remove Number of Members and Alternates and Recommend Any Other Revisions as Deemed Appropriate (Commissioners).

Staff member Dimaline stated the current makeup of the Park Commission is 9 members with 2 alternates, and a staff liaison.

Commissioner Bolton made a motion to keep the Park Commission “as is” with 9 members and 2 alternates, which was seconded by Commissioner Alonzo. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Cano thanked staff for fixing the asphalt entrance to the Park across from the Library. She also asked about the status of the dog park concept. Staff member Dimaline said he would look into the status and report back.

Commissioner Gabriel stated that the pools seem to be in good working order, and hopes the hours are more consistent this season. The pools are getting good use.

Commissioner Alonzo reminded everyone that the Peachtree Park concept discussion would be on the agenda for the upcoming Coffee with the Council for July 27th.

7. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Trent. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Roger Christensen, Chairman

9-13-19
Date