



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 14th day of November, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 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: Commissioners David Smith, Jack Dean, Carolyn Gabriel, Geraldine Rodriguez-Smith, Kris Ericson-Cano, and Michelle Alonzo. Absent were Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton, Kathy Hill, and Alternate Joyce Trent. Also present were Councilmembers Matthew Hodde and Monica Alcocer, and Staff member Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the October 10, 2019 Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded by Commissioner Alonzo. 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 – El Verde Road Pocket Park Survey Results (M. Moritz).

Staff member Moritz gave a presentation, stating that a survey had been sent to all property owners in the Leon Valley Ranches and Shadow Mist subdivisions asking for their opinion on park amenities for the El Verde Road pocket park. She noted that she had received 29 responses and that the majority of the responses were from residents along El Verde Road. She noted that the common theme in the responses was to keep the park more rural and rustic in nature, to include a rustic pavilion, don't install brightly colored plastic playground equipment, and to incorporate recycled water in any planting beds. She further explained that the residents had requested a seating area to view the creek, a raised platform to view the deer, rock boulder seating, a rustic cedar and wire fence along El Verde Road, some variations in the terrain, and minimal parking.

Councilmember Alcocer asked if there was any access from the apartments along Grissom to El Verde Road in order to get to this park. Ms. Moritz stated that there was not, but that they could use the walking trail from the Crystal Hills trailhead to gain access.

Councilmember Hodde asked if the City could tap into the recycled water main in Huebner Creek to furnish water for planting areas. Ms. Moritz stated that the City would ask, but that she thought this was planned already for the Fire Station.

Chairman Christensen stated that the LC-17 project would require numerous plantings, which would assist with the revegetation of the area. Ms. Moritz stated that they were required to plant 200 trees and also plant native grasses.

Chairman Christensen stated that he would recommend tabling any decision on park amenities until after the new year to give staff time to create a presentation on the desired amenities and a timeline for construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Gabriel to table the item until the first quarter of 2020, which was seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and Action – Final Draft of Park Master Plan (Commissioners).

Staff Member Moritz gave each Commissioner a copy of the final draft of the Park Master Plan and stated that the Plan would be presented to City Council at their December 3, 2019 meeting, and then placed on the City's website for public comment for thirty days. She stated that once the thirty days had passed, the Plan would go back to City Council for final approval, unless major comments had been received, then it would be submitted back to the Park Commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Dean stated that the Park Commission should recommend improvements to the Triangle Area Park, as it had been discussed for many years, but nothing has been done. He also mentioned that the pigeonaire on the property needed to be removed. Ms. Moritz stated that because it was a part of the Park System, the Commissioners could make recommendations on its use to the City Council.

Chairman Christensen stated that the Plan was just a guide with general concepts, and that it could be changed or added to each year. He noted that he approved of the layout and pictures, and that it gave the public a better idea of the park system.

He then asked for a motion to approve the Plan. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the Plan as written, which was seconded by Commissioner Ericson-Cano. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Other Business

A. Update on Park Master Plan (M. Moritz)

Staff member Moritz stated that this had been covered as an item previously.

B. Discussion and Action – Possible Cancellation of December Park Commission Meeting (Commissioners)

Chairman Christensen stated that with all of the holiday events, he suggested that the December meeting be cancelled. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to cancel the December regular meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Gabriel. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Update Triangle Park Reserve

Staff member Moritz stated that the Triangle Park Reserve had now been officially noted as a reserve area out of the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park by the City Council and could now be developed for public use.

6. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Staff member Moritz gave updates on the Huebner Creek Conveyance LC-17 project, access to the Silo Park, the rain garden in Raymond Rimkus Park, the CJC Life Church 5K run, and the RC Car events.

Commissioner Smith stated that the shade coverings in Raymond Rimkus Park looked great, but that the fence around the playground was in terrible condition. Ms. Moritz stated that she would research other fence materials and have it replaced.

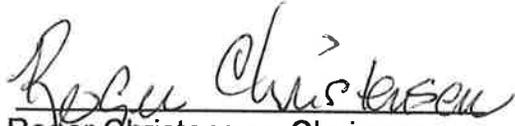
Commissioner Gabriel noted that the Forest Oaks tennis courts were inaccessible due to the lock and code, and that the pools should be open earlier in the day to avoid the Texas heat.

Commissioner Alonzo asked if the mural concept for the Silos had been brought before City Council. MS. Moritz stated that they had not, as she was trying to get some costs for not only the silos, but also for the elevated water towers.

Chairman Christensen stated that discussion items for 2020 would include the Triangle Park and the Linkwood Trail, and then thanked the Commissioners for their hard work.

7. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dean made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.


Roger Christensen, Chairman


Date