

**PARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 8th day of September, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leon Valley Conference Center, at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

LEON VALLEY PARK COMMISSION MEETING, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Determine a Quorum is Present.

Staff member Moritz called the Park Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following Park Commissioners in attendance: Commissioners Benay Cacciatore, Linda Tarin, Carolyn Gabriel, Steve Parker, Belinda Ealy, Kathy Hill and Dorothy Humphrey, and new Alternate Commissioner Josue De La Torre. Absent and excused were Chairman Roger Christiansen and Commissioner Jackie Walton. Also present was City Staff member Melinda Moritz.

2. Selection of Temporary Chairperson

Staff member Moritz explained that, due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, a temporary Chairperson would need to be selected to facilitate the meeting. Commissioner Kathy Hill was selected as temporary Chairperson for the meeting.

3. Review and Approval of the August 11, 2015 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Gabriel made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2015 Regular Park Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ealy. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Citizens to be Heard

None were in attendance; however the new Alternate Commissioner Josue De La Torre introduced himself, stating that had been a resident of Leon Valley for the past 10 years, at 6114 Britania Court, that he was employed with Northside Independent School District, and that he uses the Leon Valley park system quite a bit and was happy to be on the Commission. The Commissioners welcomed him.

5. Report on Activities that Impact the Park or Access to the Park

a. Silo Park Recap

Staff member Moritz explained the City Council approved amenities planned for the park and then explained that these had not been placed at the park, as the City was in the process of developing a new well and that

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this might be a well site as well as a park. She noted that she didn't want to have to tear out new amenities in order to construct a well.

b. Raymond Rimkus Park – Irrigation Schedules

Staff member Moritz explained to the Commission that the irrigation system at the park had 10 stations and that the timers were set to water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

c. Evers Road

Staff member Moritz explained the progress regarding the Evers Road mill & overlay project, noting that the bus pads had been completed and that the curb ramp installation was to begin the next Monday. She further explained that the pedestrian crossing at the library would be of brick and concrete and should also begin shortly. Chairwoman Hill asked if the construction would interfere with the planned fall festival at the park and that the crosswalk would be needed for that event. Ms. Moritz stated that the crosswalk would be completed in time for the festival and so would most of the curb ramps. A general discussion was held on the fall festival event.

The conversation turned to recycling at events in the park and the need for more volunteers at each event. The discussion ended with Chairwoman Hill stating that the Park Commission should inform City Council that they would like to tackle this problem.

6. Discussion Items:

A. Revising Park ordinance to Include Addition of Alternate Members and a Dumping Provision

Staff member Moritz explained that two changes were made to the Park ordinance to include a provision for two Alternate Commissioners and to include a no dumping clause for all city-owned properties, as suggested by Commissioner Ealy.

B. Neighborhood Pocket Parks

Staff member Moritz addressed the Commission, stating that an informational document had been placed in their packets explaining pocket parks. Commissioner Parker stated that he liked the idea and asked where other pocket parks could be located around the City.

Chairwoman Hill explained that the placement of parks should be in the Park Master Plan. Commissioner Parker noted that these types of parks should be

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thought of strategically and to assure they are diverse. He further note that the Commission should reach out to the residents near vacant areas and solicit their input.

Commissioner Ealy stated that she thought the Commission should send a survey team to each area being considered.

7. Commissioner's and Staff's comments:

Commissioner Gabriel commented that the next regular Park Commission meeting was scheduled to take place at Raymond Rimkus Park at 6:30 pm, but the park might be dark at that time. She suggested moving the time to 6:00 pm. The Commission agreed.

Chairwoman Hill began a discussion about the meeting between the City Council and the Historical Society, noting that the discussion was about a potential public/private partnership between the two entities. She explained that a survey was handed out to meeting participants on what the benefits might be of such a partnership. She noted that they would be holding follow up meetings in the future and that she thought it was a very productive meeting.

8. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gabriel, and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Roger Christensen - Chairman



Date