

**PARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 9, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 9th day of February, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., 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.

Chairman Roger Christensen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with the following Park Commissioners in attendance: Linda Tarin, Carolyn Gabriel, Steve Parker, Belinda Ealy, Kathy Hill, Dorothy Humphrey, Jackie Walton, and Alternates Josue De La Torre and Danielle Bolton. Absent and excused was Commissioner Benay Cacciatore. Also present were Councilmember Monica Alcocer, City Staff member Melinda Moritz and residents Robert Jarzombek and Joe Pantuso. Introductions were made to and by Alternate Commission member Danielle Bolton.

2. Review and Approval of the January 12, 2015 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Gabriel made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2015 Regular Park Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard

None.

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

a. Discussion and Possible Recommendation: Park Variance Requests

1. San Antonio Astronomical Society – Use of Raymond Rimkus Park After Dark

Staff member Moritz gave a presentation regarding the variance request from the San Antonio Astronomical Association, for the use of Raymond Rimkus Park after sunset every Wednesday evening. She also explained the results of the survey that was sent to adjacent property owners. A member of the organization then explained their request in depth and the Association's purpose.

A general discussion was held on after hours use of the park, to include the changing needs of the community, lights versus no lights in the park, the radius used in calculating survey needs, and security at the event, the

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likelihood that the request may generate other requests for use of the park after hours.

A motion was made by Commissioner Parker that the request be granted with the provision that the group be allowed this use for 8 consecutive weeks, that the group report back to the Park Commission after the eight weeks were up, and that the request was consistent with the variance request procedures as written in the Park Ordinance.

A discussion was held on whether or not to charge a fee for park usage. It was decided that no fees would be assessed at this time.

Commissioner Walton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Darrick Green, Communications Director – 4th of July Event

Staff member Moritz informed the Commission that Mr. Green had called and stated he was not able to attend this Park Commission meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill to table the request to the March Regular Park Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gabriel and the motion passed unanimously.

b. B. Bexar County Flood Control LC-17 Phase III Huebner Creek Update

Staff member Moritz gave a brief update on the Bexar County Flood Control LC-17 project. Chairman Christensen asked if there were any exhibits that could be presented to the Commission and Ms. Moritz stated that she did not have any at that time.

5. Commissioner and Staff Comments

Commissioner Ealy informed the Commission that she had printed up some flyers on an alternative to the vegetation control product called Roundup. She explained that this was done in an effort to provide a less harmful habitat city-wide for the Monarch butterflies. She also explained that hazardous household waste can be picked up at a residence by calling Waste Management and asking for the "To Your Door" service. She then reminded the Commission that the Earthwise Living Day event was to be held on March 5th, from 9 am to 2 pm, at

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the Community and Conference Centers, and encouraged them to attend. She stated that this year's theme was on health, nutrition, and wellness.

Commissioner Walton reported on the Community Events Committee's schedule of events for the next year, stating that the 4th of July fell on a Monday and would be held from 10 am to 10 pm; that September 11th had been reserved for Grandparent's Day concert; that the Fall Festival would be held from 3-9 pm at Raymond Rimkus Park, but a date had not yet been set; that the Holiday program would be held on December 5th at the Community Center grounds; and that the Beethoven Band would be held on December 11th at the Conference Center.

Commissioner Torre mentioned that he had been walking in the Natural Area Park and noticed numerous trees with low hanging branches needing to be cut back. He also noted that the trail needed additional signage. He thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning up the recent round of tagging.

Commissioner Bolton stated that she was happy to be on the Park Commission.

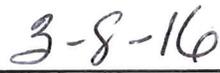
Chairman Christensen stated that he had received a request from the City Manager to choose a liaison to be on the Forest Oaks Pool Committee. Councilmember Alcocer stated that she hoped the Park Commission would choose someone that did not live in the Forest Oaks area. Chairman Christensen stated that he would actually like to have two liaisons, as one would fill in in case of absence. Commissioner Humphrey and Bolton both volunteered to be liaisons to that Committee. He then told the Commissioners that the next Regular Meeting of the Park Commission would be on March 8th and that a work day would be held at Raymond Rimkus Park on Saturday, March 12th, from 9:30 am to 11 am, to work the planting areas at the park.

6. Adjourn.

The Chairman thanked the Commission for their attendance and asked for a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Walton made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphrey, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.



Roger Christensen - Chairman



Date