

**PARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS
JUNE 14, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 14th day of June, 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: Jackie Walton, Belinda Ealy, Dorothy Humphrey, Linda Tarin, Stephen Parker, Carolyn Gabriel, Kathy Hill, and Alternate Josue De La Torre. Absent and excused were Commissioners Benay Cacciatore and Danielle Bolton. Also present were Councilmember Monica Alcocer, City Staff member Melinda Moritz, Historical Society member Carol Poss, and resident Robert Jarzombek.

2. Review and Approval of the May 10, 2016 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2016 Regular Park Commission meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Walton. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard

There were none.

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

A. Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action on Huebner Onion Gravesite Restoration – Park Commissioner Kathy Hill and Carol Poss, Leon Valley Historical Society

Historical Society member Carol Poss addressed the Commission, giving a short presentation on the Huebner Gravesite, stating that the Society had recently received a Declaration of Dedication for Cemetery Purposes from the Texas Historical Commission for the gravesite, and that the land encompassing the gravesite has now been set aside and dedicated for cemetery purposes, and then discussed the manner in which the grave needed to be restored. She informed the Commission that the Society had approximately \$9,000 to use on the restoration and indicated that she was hoping the City's Public Works department could perform the work.

City Staff member Moritz stated that Public Works could get estimates for the fence installation, but they would not be comfortable reconstructing the grave marker and obelisk, as this needed a specialist in the restoration of historical monuments.

Chairman Christensen recommended that the Commissioners make a motion to have Public Works get estimates on the fence and the restoration of the monument.

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Commissioner Parker made a motion to have the Public Works Department get estimates on replacing both the fence and the gravesite monument at the Huebner Gravesite. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Humphrey. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Presentation and Discussion – Addition of New Parkland

- 1. Wat Dhamma Bucha Temple Donation – Being a 2.0785 Acre Parcel at 0 Huebner Road, Accepted by City Council on May 31, 2016**
- 2. Hetherington Donation – Being an approximately 0.2317 Acre Easement Parcel, Adjacent to Aquarium Detention Pond, at 0 Grass Hill**
- 3. The Ridge at Leon Valley HOA –, Being Two Tracts of Land at End of Samaritan and Grass Hill, of Approximately 1.5400 Acres and 0.5802 acres at 0 William Rancher and 0 Caraway Bend**

City Staff member Moritz addressed the Commission, informing them of the City's intent to accept gifted land at each of the mentioned areas to be used as future parks. She gave a description of each area. She further explained that the acceptance of the land to be used as parks conformed to the City's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, by further striving to provide park land in each neighborhood. She went on to explain that once the land had been deeded to the City, the Park Commission could set up surveys in each of the areas to find out what amenities would be desired by the residents in each area. The Commissioner expressed their approval of the actions.

C. Leon Valley Community Pool Users Update

City staff member Moritz gave an overview of Council approved pool operations for the 2016 swim season. She stated that since the opening weekend, City Staff had given out 473 wristbands and that the process seemed to be working well. She also explained that for the first two weekends, residents were accepted into the pool area without a wristband, as the program was new and Staff was afraid that not everyone had had a chance to get their wristbands, but that applications had been handed out at the same time.

Chairman Christensen commented that he had wanted to investigate the planting of trees around the pool in accordance with the Tree Advisory Board's direction for planting 10,000 trees by 2020, but that the trees would have to be planted along the fence line and not near the pool area to comply with pool regulations.

Commissioner Ealy stated that she had visited the pool and asked the pool staff if the wristband program was working, and that they had said the program was working well and they had not experienced any problems. She further noted that there seemed to be a manageable amount of persons using the facility. She then questioned why no one was selling food products at the concession area and that she would like to see fruit being sold at the pool.

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D. Update on Silo Park Development Progress

City staff member Moritz gave an update on the progress of the construction of the trail at the Silo Park, noting that it was moving along quite well. She also stated that the trees that had been planted last fall were still alive, with the exception of the pine type trees. She informed the Commission that she was in the process of ordering the fitness station equipment and would then move on to the construction of the proposed pavilion.

E. Presentation and Discussion – Park Bucks Program

Staff member Moritz presented information regarding Park Bucks program, in which citizens could donate a dollar each month to the program through their water bill or as a one-time donation of any amount. She noted that it had been started in 2012, but that little to no publicity had been given to the program in recent time. She gave each Commissioner an updated application form and told them she was putting the information on the City's website and Facebook page to try garnering renewed interest in the program.

Commissioner Ealy asked that the wording be updated to reflect that SAWS customers could also donate to the program.

Councilmember Alcocer asked if a person could donate to an individual park. Staff member Moritz stated that they could not at the present time. She explained that the money collected from the program went into a single account, which was dispersed by City Council action.

F. Evers Road – Sidewalk and Solar Crosswalk Street Light Update

Staff member Moritz told the Commission that the planned solar street lights for the crosswalk in front of the library and for the Evers Road Bridge had finally been received and had been installed. She explained that she and other Public Works Crewmembers monitored the lights for several days after installation and that they seemed to be properly working. She stated that she had ordered one additional light for the end of the bridge closest to Poss Road, as the one light did not reach that far.

G. Flood Activities Update – Road Closures – Evers Road Bridge

Staff member Moritz stated that Evers Road had to be closed several times during the spring due to flooding, but that all debris had been removed. She stated that the reconstruction project was moving along as planned.

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5. Commissioner and Staff Comments

Commissioner Ealy stated that she was glad Mr. Jarzombek was in attendance was happy that she was to have her grandchildren over the weekend, and glad that the water fountains in the park were back in operation.

Commissioner Parker noted that the pathways in the Quiet Area at Raymond Rimkus Park were still low. Staff member Moritz explained that Staff was waiting for the millings from the Huebner Road project to correct the pathway condition. Mr. Parker then stated he had seen at least 20 deer in the Natural Area Park and had posted a picture on Google Earth. He noted that 99 people have since viewed the picture.

Commissioner Walton stated that she was excited about the addition of the new parklands. She also informed the Commission of the Community Events Committee meeting to be held the next evening at six o'clock.

Commissioner Humphrey gave her thanks to Carol Poss for the presentation on the Huebner Gravesite.

Commissioner Gabriel stated that the Community Pool looked great. She explained that new toilets and new flooring had been installed, the new fence at the pool pump area looked great, and that she was glad to finally have a source of cold water from the new water fountain. She stated her appreciation for the improvements. She explained that she now had over 50 people signed up for the Marlins swim team and that, with the regulation of five guests per resident, she was able to assure all her team members could swim at the pool. She also expressed her desire to keep holding Park Commission meetings at the Conference Center, as it was easier for her to get there.

Commissioner Hill encouraged everyone to consider walking in the planned Historical Society 5k run on the 4th of July. She stated she would be passing out flyers for the event and that she had been working with Fire Chief Valdez to confirm the route.

Commissioner Del Torre thanked Carol Poss for her presentation, and then expressed his concern about the 4th of July website, stating that he had clicked on the link and it had directed him to the City of Castroville's 4th of July event.

Chairman Christensen explained to the Commission that the July agenda would include a No Deer Feeding policy, as requested by the City Manager. He stated that he would like a site plan of the Huebner – Onion Master Plan for the triangle park area, an update on the Forest Oaks pool possible acquisition, and an update on the Evers Road Bridge project. He then asked Staff about the planned numbering of the picnic sites in Raymond Rimkus Park by the Boy Scout Troop that had painted the tables. He then explained to the Commissioners that Staff had surveyed the Community Garden to find out who was actually participating and what plots seemed to have been abandoned. He further

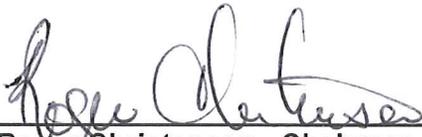
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explained that the planned garden shed had arrived, but that it was the wrong type and had been sent back. He stated that the correct shed had been ordered and that Staff was waiting on the delivery. He noted that Staff had removed all the flood debris from the park grounds.

Commissioner Ealy stated that she would find out why the Scout Troup had not finished their plan to number the picnic sites in the park.

6. Adjourn.

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



Roger Christensen - Chairman

7-12-16

Date