Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 11th day of October, 2018, 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:

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

   Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, with the following Commissioners in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Bolton, Commissioners Carolyn Gabriel, Jack Dean, Michelle Alonzo, and Alternate Kris Ericson-Cano. Absent and excused were Commissioners Belinda Ealy, Kathy Hill, Linda Tarin, David Smith and Geraldine Rodriguez-Smith. Also present were Staff member Melinda Moritz and members of the Leon Valley Historical Society Ruth Lyle, Barbara Fryer, Carol Poss, and Joyce Trent.

2. **Review and Consider Approval of the September 13, 2018 Regular Park Commission Meeting Minutes.**

   Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the September 13, 2018 regular Park Commission meeting minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Gabriel. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Citizens to be Heard**

   There were no citizens to be heard.

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

   A. Discussion and Action – Request by the Leon Valley Historical Society (LVHS) for a Variance to Article 1.09 Parks and Recreation, Division 2. Use Regulations, Sec. 1.09.034 Additional prohibited uses and activities, to allow the San Antonio Metal Detecting Club and the Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs to Use Metal Detectors in the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park, specifically in the Triangle Area Park and at the Huebner Cemetery, for Their "Give Back Recovery Hunt" Event (Ruth Lyle, LVHS).

Ruth Lyle of the Historical Society gave a short presentation on the upcoming "Give Back" event, to be held on January 12, 2019, and stated that the event was being offered by the American Association of Metal Detecting Clubs, specifically the Texas and San Antonio Chapters.

She explained that the group would be inviting members to the event for the purpose of metal detecting on the Huebner-Onion Homestead property and that they would also like to metal detect on the Triangle property, the Huebner – Onion Natural Area Park, and at the Huebner Cemetery. She noted that any areas dug up would be restored to previous condition and that any artifacts found would be submitted to an on-site Archeologist for cataloging, and then given to the City.

She further explained that the group would be selling raffle tickets and food plates, the proceeds of which would then be given to the Historical Society at the end of the event. She stated that the group had held a similar event in 2001, but that the Natural Area Park was leased by the Historical Society at the time, so permission from the City was not needed.

Commissioner Dean asked if the metal detecting club wanted to dig inside the gravesite. Ms. Lyle responded that they did, but that they would have an archeologist present to assure it was performed properly. Commissioner Dean stated that he did not approve of anyone being allowed to dig inside the walls of the gravesite. He stated that otherwise, he was fine with giving his approval of the event.

Commissioner Alonzo asked how the process worked. Ms. Lyle stated that the club members were actually very accomplished at metal detecting and that, once an artifact was uncovered; it was presented to an archeologist for documenting and cataloging.

A general discussion was held on the event and locations. Chairman Christensen stated that he would like to have the Historical Society consult with the Archeologist about digging near a grave site and then bring the information back to the Park Commission at the November regular meeting. Ms. Lyle stated that they would do that. The Commissioners gave a general consensus on postponing the item to the November meeting date.

B. Discussion – Park Survey (M. Moritz / Commissioners).

Staff member Moritz stated that she had summarized the results of the park survey and was in the process of refining the results by category and by location. She gave a handout of the survey and asked the Commissioners to review the results in preparation for the next meeting.

C. Discussion – Pickle Ball Court (M. Moritz / Commissioners).

Staff member Moritz gave the Commissioners a handout depicting a regulation sized pickle ball court and related equipment. A general discussion was held on the size of such a court and where to put one, if that was the Commissioners desire. No action was taken on the item.

5. Commissioner's and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Gabriel made some general comments about the pool operations and hours and about the Coffee with the Council.

Commissioner Dean noted that the park survey summary revealed the dog park was the most desired item in the list of proposed amenities.

Chairman Christensen stated that he was scheduled to give the Park Annual Report to the City Council at the November 16th Council meeting. Staff member Moritz handed out a copy of the presentation to each Commissioner. Mr. Christensen then reminded the Commissioners of the January deadline for revisions to the Park Master Plan.

Staff member Moritz gave handouts with concepts for expanding the pool facility into the vacant lot at Peachtree and Poss and explained that this would be a topic on the Coffee with the Council.

6. Adjourn

Commissioner Gabriel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Bolton. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Minutes approved:

Roger Christensen

Chairman Roger Christensen

11-8-18

Date