



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 12th day of March, 2020, 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: Jack Dean, Carolyn Gabriel, David Smith, Michelle Alonzo, Kathy Hill, and Alternate Joyce Trent. Absent were Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Geraldine Rodriguez-Smith. Also present were Councilmembers Monica Alcocer and Matthew Hodde, and Staff member Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the February 13, 2020 Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded by Commissioner Trent. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Discussion and Action – Nomination and Recommendation to Appoint Alternate Commissioner Joyce Trent as a Regular Member of the Park Commission (Chairman Christensen/Commissioners).

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the nomination of Alternate Commissioner Joyce Trent to the position of Regular Commission member, which was seconded by Commissioner Hill. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports: Activities or Events that Impact Parks or Access to Parks:

a. Discussion and Action – Discussion on Construction of a Bridge at End of Evening Sun Drive for Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park Trail (R. Christensen)

Chairman Christensen addressed the Commission, stating that in the previous year, the City applied for a grant to construct a Hike & Bike trail through the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park, using the exterior portion of the property and that a part of the proposal included a bridge over the small tributary near Evening Sun. He stated that, even though the grant was not awarded to the City, he felt the

bridge still needed to be constructed in order for persons using the park to get across the water in that area.

Commissioner Hill agreed, stating that the area had always posed a problem with water and mud.

Commissioner Dean stated that he was for the construction of such a bridge as long as it was wide enough for an ATV to pass through for emergencies and maintenance issues.

Commissioner made a motion that the recommendation for the construction of a bridge over the tributary near Evening Sun in the Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park be forwarded to City Council for their consideration. Commissioner Alonzo seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

5. Citizens to be Heard

Councilor Alcocer thanked the Commissioners for their hard work and asked everyone to stay safe.

6. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Trent requested that the benches at the Silo Park be turned so that they were facing the playground and the outdoor fitness equipment.

Commissioner Dean stated that the bridge idea in the Natural Area Park may face some opposition from the Mayor. Commissioner Hill stated that the ordinance governing this park stated that no improvement could be performed on this property, but that it may have changes since its inception.

Commissioner Alonzo noted her disappointment regarding the changing of the Silo mural art from a butterfly and bluebonnets to a mural contest. She noted that the Council should have looked at the entire park as a concept instead as piece meal. She further explained that the concept park on El Verde had a theme and she felt the Silo Park should also be themed. Staff Member Moritz explained that the Commissioner was welcome to have the item placed on a Council agenda so that this could be more fully explained to them.

Commissioner Gabriel stated that she had attended the Earthwise Living Day event and had been handed a pool flyer. She expressed her pleasure that

residents could now sign up for a pool membership online, as well as in person at the pools.

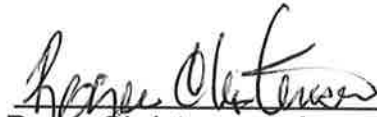
Commissioner Smith noted that the Old Mill Park had become very popular with the local residents and that the park was frequently packed with people. He stated that he noticed lots of walkers, parties, and was hoping for community events to be held at the pavilion.

Chairman Christensen expressed his thanks to the Commissioners and Staff for their participation at the Earthwise Living Day event. He then explained that, due to the growing presence of Covid-19, the Commission may have to cancel the April meeting which had been planned for the Linkwood Trail.

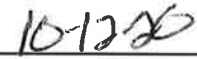
Councilor Alcocer noted that the Ridge Park was also being well used, but that it needs more benches, as there were now a number of Muslim women attending wearing dresses. She also noted that more picnic tables would be great. She then stated that the basketball court still needed to be constructed and that the Commission might want to consider the addition of more amenities to accommodate persons of all ages.

7. Adjourn.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dean. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.



Roger Christensen, Chairman



Date