



Leon Valley Park Commission Meeting Minutes

The Park Commission of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 10th day of November 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Forest Oaks Community Pool Facility, 6221 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.

Park Commission Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., with the following members in attendance: Vice-Chairwoman Danielle Bolton and Commissioners Yvonne Orozco, Michelle Alonzo, Carolyn Gabriel, Evan Bohl, and Alternate Commissioner Drew Power. Absent were Commissioners Kathy Hill and Joyce Trent.

Also present at the meeting was City Council Member Rey Orozco, former Pool Advisory Committee Member Elaine Valdez, and Staff Liaison Melinda Moritz.

2. Review and Consider Approval of the September 9, 2021, Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Vice-Chair Bolton made a motion to approve the minutes, with a correction to the spelling of the word "stated," which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard.

Ms. Valdez introduced herself and stated that she was originally from New York City and held a degree in Administrative Services, noting that her passion was aquatics. She explained that she worked for the City of San Antonio (COSA) Parks Department in their aquatic programs as an Area Supervisor and that she was very familiar with all twenty-four of COSA's pools. She noted that she had been a member at the Forest Oaks Community Pool the past summer. Chairman Christensen thanked her and let her know that he hoped she would be appointed to the Park Commission.

4. Discussion – Pending Revisions to the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 General, Article 1.06 Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Section 1.06.005 Park Commission, (b) to Add Two Commissioner Places on Park Commission, Designate Alternate Positions, and to Mandate the Election of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary Positions.

Staff member Moritz explained that both the Pool Advisory and Hike & Bike Trail Advisory Committees had been dissolved and the City Council would be adding

two positions to the Park Commission. Ms. Moritz further explained that, while she was researching the Code of Ordinances to revise the Park section to reflect the new positions, she noticed there was no mandate in the Code for the Commission to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, so she would be adding these revisions as well.

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

a. Discussion and Action – Recommendations for Swimming Pool Facilities Possible Renovation, Rehabilitation, and/or Demolition.

Staff Member Moritz explained that responsibilities for the pools had been turned over the Park Commission, as the pools were recreational by nature and are addressed in the Parks Master Plan. She noted that both pools needed to be brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and that there was an opportunity to not only bring them into compliance, but to also enhance each facility to make them more appealing to the citizens. Ms. Moritz then stated that the Capital Facilities Oversight Committee would be sending out a survey to the citizens to gauge whether or not they would be in favor of approving a Bond package for renovations of the pools, the Public Works facility, and the Library Annex.

A general discussion was held on which pool had the most users, the possibility of closing one pool and using the closed pool facility site for sports courts, what the maintenance costs were for the facilities, what questions would be included in the survey, and what the time frame would be for tallying the results of the survey. Ms. Valdez presented her ideas on the pool facilities.

Vice-Chairwoman Bolton made a motion to modify or replace whatever facility the City decided to keep in order to comply with ADA requirements. Mrs. Orozco seconded the motion. Commissioner Bohl stated that the motion was too broad. Commissioner Power stated that the Commission needed to do whatever was needed to come into compliance, but that the motion was possibly being made too soon. The motion carried in favor, with Commissioner Bohl abstaining.

b. Discussion and Action – Recommendation for Raymond Rimkus Park Restroom Possible Renovation, Rehabilitation, and/or Demolition.

Staff member Moritz explained that the Capital Facilities Oversight Committee had remanded the park restroom renovation discussion back to the Park Commission for further discussion and recommendation. She handed out information on costs for renovation and for demolition and construction of a new modular building. A general discussion was held on maintenance and costs for renovation versus demolition and replacement. Vice-Chairwoman Bolton made a motion to recommend that the City replace the existing non-ADA compliant restroom with a new “smart” building restroom and to try and fund the replacement through a grant

from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and to renovate the other restroom at a later date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Orozco and the motion carried unanimously in favor.

c. Discussion – Park Capital Improvements for FY 2021/2022.

Staff member Moritz stated that, due to the low balance in the General Fund Reserve, the City Council decided to forego funding any park improvements for the current fiscal year.

6. Discussion and Action – Cancel the December 9, 2021 Park Commission Meeting

Chairman Christensen explained that the Park Commission typically cancelled their December meetings due to the holidays. Commissioner Power made a motion to cancel the December 9, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Orozco. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Commissioner and Staff Comments.

Commissioner Orozco wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Bohl stated that he was still working hard to make his schedule fit the meeting dates and times, but that he thought he would have this accomplished by the January meeting date.

Commissioner Alonzo noted that the entrance to Raymond Rimkus Park at the small parking lot needed to be reconstructed, as she was unable to get a stroller into the park without a lot of difficulty.

Chairman Christensen wished everyone happy holidays and thanked them for their continued support of and dedication to the park system.

8. Adjourn.

Chairman Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alonzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.


Roger Christensen, Chairman

2-10-22
Date