



## **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:30PM**      **401 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Martin Luther King Center**

Call to Order    Chair: Terry Smith, Call to Order at 5:29pm

Welcome new member Ms. Lemetrius Nolan  
-US Army Corps of Engineers

Staff Liaison: Sally Thigpen, Community Services Assistant Director

Alexa Fritz Absent excused, Lisa Sullivan Absent excused, Paul Conner Absent excused,  
William Bordeaux Absent unexcused.

### Public comment period

Approval of April 2023 minutes      David Eason motioned to approve.  
Ingrid Corbi 2nds – approved unanimously.

### Old Business

- ABC License for Bijou Park – obtained.
- Update language for Bylaws, to make more inclusive. i.e. Chairperson.
  - Must be approved by city council.
- Review draft PRAB Annual Work Plan based on SWOT analysis
  - Assign committee chairs
    - Park and Greenway committee – Ron Woodruff. Adopt a Park.
    - Mentorship program
    - Public Awareness, with Marian Doherty.
  - Finalize and recommend adoption of committees.
    - Put on next month’s agenda
- Greenfield Lake Masterplan review postponed for editing

### New Business

- Guest staff speaker: Ben Rickman, Park Ranger Greenfield Lake
  - Reviewed 2022 v 2023 data for park contacts.
  - Great start to the new position but expansion needed for off-hours and weekend coverage.
  - Knowledge of the park ranger position raised public opinion/perceived safety significantly.
  - Goal is to be educational over law enforcement



- People are dumping trash at the Rotary Garden
- Proposed budget increase for more Ranger staff.

#### Chair's Report

- Terry Smith
  - More detailed explanation of monthly department news – Add to annual plan.

#### Staff Report

- Consider new meeting location once MLK Community Center expansion begins construction.
  - Halyburton or Maides
- Urban Forestry Master Plan to go to City Council – likely June 6<sup>th</sup> or June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Update on marketing and communications for PRAB and public awareness
  - Marian created a sign-up page for public comment period.
- Introductions.

#### Adjournment

Zach Gilbert motions to adjourn at 6:28pm. Shirin Jenkins 2nds – all approve unanimously.

- **Next Meeting: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30PM TBD**



**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board  
Current Membership Contact Information 2023**

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