



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 20th, 2024, 5:30PM Skyline Center – 929 N. Front St

Call to Order Chair: Terry Smith Call to Order at 5:39pm
Vice Chair: Ron Woodruff

Staff Liaison: Amy Beatty, Parks & Recreation Director, Sally Thigpen Assistant Director

Public comment period (3 minutes) No comments

Approval of February 2024 minutes Zach Gilbert motioned for the approval of the February 2024 minutes, seconded by Ingrid Corbi and the motion carried unanimously.

Guest staff speaker: John Dolan- Park Ranger

- Background in Law Enforcement
- Served in Iraq, working with canines in the Marine Corps
- Dolan recommends 2-3 people to effectively patrol the parks
- Ron McMillan recommends having 4 park rangers and service animals.
- John Dolan supports getting sociable service dogs to assist park rangers.

Old Business

- Greenfield Lake Masterplan- Adopted by City Council on 3/19/24
 - Pilot proposed for vegetation clearing.
 - Grants Coordinator is working on obtaining a \$500,000 grant for vegetation clearing and invasive species management at Greenfield Lake Park.
- By laws update – on the City Council Agenda for May
- Naming request- Sam Bowens Memorial Field submitted to Naming Committee

New Business

- Introduce new Board member Rhonda Waterhouse
 - New member joins the board in May.
- Court resurfacing at Greenfield and Robert Strange Park.
 - Usage data suggests Greenfield tennis courts are more popular as pickleball courts.
 - Resurfacing aimed to begin this spring/summer.



- Ronald Woodruff motions to approve construction changing tennis courts at Greenfield Lake to dedicated pickleball courts. Terry Smith seconded the motion, and it carries unanimously.
- Empie Park Engineering Study analysis anticipated to begin next month.

Committee Reports

- Parks & Greenway Committee – Ron Woodruff, Committee Chair
 - Adopt-a-Park initiative update
- By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee – Zach Gilbert, Committee Chair
- Ingrid Corbi officially inducted onto the NCino Board until October 2025

Chair's Report

- Open Board Member Round Table Q&A

Staff Report

- Bradley Creek accessible kayak launch project update and public meeting
- Review of the February Monthly Report:
 - Several parks are undergoing updates
 - Greenfield lake trail resurfacing beginning soon
 - Halyburton wildlife observation boxes
 - Empie court resurfacing underway
 - Review of report on park safety
 - Inland Greens Tee-boxes
- Sally Thigpen overviews Skyline Center facilities
- Ron McMillian shares struggles to fill 13 open positions in Parks department.
 - Two new passenger vehicles and a new large riding mower have been ordered.
 - Funding for a new tree truck has been approved.

Board Member Round Table

Adjournment

- Zach Gilbert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm, seconded by David Eason and the motion carried unanimously.
- **Next Meeting: April 17th, 5:30PM Skyline Center @ 929 N. Front St**



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