



PARK BOARD MEETING
PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - HALL
OF FAME CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 COLLEGE STREET
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024, AT 6:00 PM

AGENDA

INVOCATION

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the May 22, 2024, Park Board Meeting
2. Award Presentation for Employees of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department
3. Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses during the month of May 2024.
4. Chair Report: August Meeting Date Has Changed to August 14th, Employee Appreciation Luncheon, Thursday September 12th
5. Director Report: Upcoming Events Presented by Special Events

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting location is wheelchair accessible. If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please call 972-237-8107 at least 24 hours in advance. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

MESSAGE OF RELIGIOUS WELCOME

As many of you are aware, we customarily begin our meetings with an invocation. This prayer is intended for the benefit of the board members and is directed to them and not the audience. Those who deliver the invocation may reference their own religious faith as you might refer to yours when offering a prayer. We wish to emphasize, however, that members of all religious faiths are welcome, not only in these meetings, but in our community as well. The participation of all our citizens in the process of self-government will help our fine city best serve the good people who live here. Employees and audience members are welcome to pray or not pray, and this choice will have no bearing on any vote made by the board.

Certification

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Park Board agenda was prepared and posted June 20,2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ally B", written in a cursive style.

Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 6/26/2024

REQUESTER: Ally Brann

PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

TITLE: Minutes of the May 22, 2024, Park Board Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve



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MINUTES

INVOCATION CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

*Chair Mal Earl
Board Member Euwye Chan
Board Member Greg Mullen
Board Member Susanna Ramirez
Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn*

NOT PRESENT

*Board Member Tracy Aldridge
Board Member Mike Riley
Board Member Norris "Stretch" Rideaux
Board Member Warren Landrum*

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No Citizen Comments

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the April 24, 2024, Park Board Meeting

Motion to approve the April 24, 2024, minutes made by Board Member Lucky-Vaughn, Seconded by Board Member Susanna Ramirez. Voting Yea: Chair Mal Earl, Board Member Lucky-Vaughn, Board Member Greg Mullen, Board Member Susanna Ramirez. Voting Nay: Board Member Euwye Chan

2. Award Presentation for Employees of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department

Presented by Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director and Mal Earl, Park Board Chair. May Volunteer Award: Robert and Debbie Ford, Loyd Park Volunteers. May Seasonal & Part Time Worker Award: Jenny Baum, The Epic. May Teamwork Award: David Gibson, Robin Palmer, and Leonor Velasquez, The Epic. May Partnership Award: Tyler Beightol, General manager of Chicken Express Lake Ridge

3. Sports Facilities and Recent Flood Events Presentation

Presented by Chris Michalski with speaker Joey Gomez, Superintendent of Parks. Board Member Chan requested park staff to look into a new gate for Parkhill Park. Chair Earl requested park staff to get a quote on putting crowns on the football fields. Chris Michalski said staff could look into those requests.

4. Park Board Reports

Presented by Mal Earl, Park Board Chair. Each Board Member went around and gave their reports. Greg Mullen – Golf (Tangle Ridge & Prairie Lakes). Mal Earl – PlayGrand Adventures/Parks. Angela Lucky-Vaughn – Cricket, Rugby, & Pickleball. Mal Earl read on behalf for Warren Landrum – Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark. Susanna Ramirez – Ruthe Jackson Center. Euwye Chan – Alliance Skate Park/ Sports Associations.

5. Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses during the month of April 2024.

Presented by Ray Cerda, Director.

6. Chair Report on: Memorial Day Celebration and Parks Master Plan Interviews

Presented by Mal Earl, Chair. Vice-Chair Lucky-Vaughn suggested that Purple Heart need to be honored while they are still living at Veteran's Memorial.

7. Director Report on: Main Street Fest 2024 Recap Presentation

Presented by Ray Cerda, Director.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, the Park board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mal Earl at 7:57 PM.



Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor



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REQUESTER: Ally Brann

PRESENTER: Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director and Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

TITLE: Award Presentation for employees of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS:
Employee Recognition Committee:

May Exemplary Employee Award: Kevin Harmon, *Parks Services*

June Teamwork Award: Maria Rubio and Marileysis Longoria, *Tony Shotwell Life Center*



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REQUESTER: Ally Brann

PRESENTER: Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director

TITLE: Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses during the month of May 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tree Board
FROM: Nathan Wilson, Operation Supervisor
RE: May 2024 Tree-Related Activities
DATE:6-15-2024

The following is a list of tree-related activities for Parks Maintenance, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses Divisions reported for May 2024.

Parks Maintenance: (North, South, Municipal & Gateway Crews)

- 320 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance, tree removal, hauling brush.

Lake Parks: (Lynn Creek Park / Loyd Park)

- 0 Man hours – Pruning, maintenance, tree removal.

Golf Courses: (Prairie Lakes / Tangle Ridge)

- 420 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance.

Totals for Tree-Related Activities:

- 740 - Man hours



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PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

TITLE: Chair Report on: August Meeting Date Has Changed to August 14th,
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RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS:



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TITLE: Director Report on: Upcoming Events Presented by Special Events
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS: