



PARK BOARD MEETING
RICK HEROLD ADMINISTRATION BLDG. - HALL OF FAME CONF.
RM., 400 COLLEGE ST.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

AGENDA

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

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1. Minutes of the February 22, 2023, 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, Golf Courses and Cemetery during the month of February 2023
4. Park Board Report on facility updates, events and activities within the department divisions
 - PlayGrand Adventures/Parks – Mal Earl
 - Recreation/Lake Parks – Warren Landrum
 - The Uptown/Farmers Market – Susanna Ramirez
 - The Epic/The Summit – Malcom Chakery
 - Epic Waters – Tracy Aldridge
 - Golf – Greg Mullen
 - Special Events/Ruthe Jackson Center – Bryan Parra
 - Skate Park/Sports Associations – Stretch Rideaux
 - Cricket, Rugby, & Pickleball – Angela Luckey-Vaughn
5. Chair Report on Lake Ridge Community Building and The Big Event
6. Director Report on Park Planning Projects: Tyre, Turner, and Mi Familia Parks

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.

Certification

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Park Board agenda was prepared and posted March 17, 2023.



Krista Marrs, Administrative Supervisor



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 3/22/2023

REQUESTER: Krista Marrs

PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

TITLE: Minutes of the February 22, 2023, Park Board Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve



PARK BOARD MEETING
PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - HALL
OF FAME CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 COLLEGE STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chair Mal Earl

Vice Chair Angela Luckey-Vaughn

Board Member Bryan Parra

Board Member Greg Mullen

Board Member Tracy Aldridge

Board Member Warren Landrum

Board Member Stretch Rideaux

ABSENT

Board Member Malcom Chakery

Board Member Susanna Ramirez

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No Comments

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the January 25, 2023, Park Board Meeting

Motion made by Board Member Parra, Seconded by Vice Chair Luckey-Vaughn.

Voting Yea: Chair Earl, Vice Chair Luckey-Vaughn, Board Member Parra, Board Member Mullen, Board Member Aldridge, Board Member Landrum, Board Member Rideaux

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

Presented by Duane Strawn and Mal Earl

Patty Grigsby was not available to attend the meeting Staff will present Patty with the award at another time.

Nathan Wilson and Will Hinton were in attendance and received the teamwork award.

3. The Big Event Project Selection and Approval

Presented by Duane Strawn

The board discussed the following project options: Playground Adventures Park Cleanup, Mi Familia Park Cleanup, and Turner Park Cleanup.

Motion made by Board Member Parra to select Mi Familia Park Cleanup as the Big Event project, Seconded by Chair Earl.

Voting Yea: Chair Earl, Vice Chair Luckey-Vaughn, Board Member Parra, Board Member Mullen, Board Member Aldridge, Board Member Landrum, Board Member Rideaux.

Mal Earl asked if anyone wanted to volunteer as the project leader. No members volunteers so she said she would be the team leader.

4. Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, Golf Courses and Cemetery during the month of January 2023

Presented by Duane Strawn

5. Park Board Report on facility updates, events and activities within the department divisions

PlayGrand Adventures/Parks – Mal Earl

Recreation/Lake Parks – Warren Landrum

The Uptown/Farmers Market – Susanna Ramirez

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Presented by the Park Board Members

The Uptown/Farmers Market report was not presented

The Epic/The Summit report was not presented

Ms. Luckey-Vaughn requested a direct contact to the Cricket, Rugby, and Pickleball association and staff will provide that information to her separately. Staff did note that there is

not an official pickleball association, but a group that plans. Staff will provide contact info for the individual who leads that group.

6. Chair Report on EpicCentral

Presented by Mal Earl

7. Director Report on staffing changes at The Epic and The Summit

Presented by Duane Strawn

Also provided in the Park Board packets was the January 2023 Marketing Report which provides updates on marketing campaigns and projects, showcases recent media coverage, and provides social media and website statistics with year-over-year comparisons

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mal Earl at 7:30 PM.



Krista Marrs, Administrative Supervisor



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 3/22/2023

REQUESTER: Krista Marrs

PRESENTER: Duane Strawn, 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:

February Exemplary Employee of the Month presented to Juric Brown

March Exemplary Employee of the Month presented to Gisselle Ruvalcaba

March Teamwork Award presented to The Summit Aquatics

March Seasonal Award presented to Richard Garcia



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
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MEETING DATE: 3/22/2023

REQUESTER: Krista Marrs

PRESENTER: Duane Strawn, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director

TITLE: Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, Golf Courses and Cemetery during the month of February 2023

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

MEMORANDUM**TO:** Tree Board**FROM:** Nathan Wilson, Operation Supervisor**RE:** February 2023 Tree-Related Activities**DATE:** 3-14-2023

The following is a list of tree-related activities for Parks Maintenance, Lake Parks, Golf Courses, and Cemetery Divisions reported for February 2023.

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

1,300 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance, tree removal, hauling brush.

Lake Parks: (Lynn Creek Park / Loyd Park)

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

Golf Courses: (Prairie Lakes / Tangle Ridge)

- 250 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance.

Cemetery:

- 15 Man Hours – Pruning/maintenance.

Totals for Tree-Related Activities:

- 1,865 - Man hours



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REQUESTER: Krista Marrs

PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair and Park Board Members

TITLE: Park Board Report on facility updates, events and activities within the department divisions

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: None



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REQUESTER: Krista Marrs

PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

TITLE: Chair Report on Lake Ridge Community Building and The Big Event

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None



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MEETING DATE: 3/22/2023

REQUESTER: Krista Marrs

PRESENTER: Duane Strawn, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director

TITLE: Director Report on Park Planning Projects: Tyre, Turner, and Mi Familia Parks

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None
