



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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chair Mal Earl
Vice Chair Angela Luckey-Vaughn
Board Member Malcom Chakery
Board Member Greg Mullen
Board Member Warren Landrum
Board Member Stretch Rideaux
Board Member Susanna Ramirez

ABSENT

Board Member Bryan Parra
Board Member Tracy Aldridge

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.

No Comments

AGENDA ITEMS

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1. Minutes of the February 22, 2023, Park Board Meeting

Motion made by Board Member Chakery, Seconded by Board Member Landrum.

Voting Yea: Chair Earl, Vice Chair Luckey-Vaughn, Board Member Chakery, Board Member Mullen, Board Member Landrum, Board Member Rideaux, Board Member Ramirez

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

February Employee of the Month: Juric Brown II

March Employee of the Month: Gisselle Ruvlacaba

March Seasonal Worker of the Month: Richard Garcia

*March Teamwork Summit Aquatics: Richard Garcia, Jonathan Mendez, Celeste Bowles
Jonathan Demarest & Andrew Enriquez were unable to attend*

*Duane took a moment to share the promotion of Halima Baquedano to The Summit Manager
and Monte Whetstone to Charley Taylor Recreation Center Supervisor.*

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

Presented by Duane Strawn

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

Presented by Park Board Members

Bryan Parra and Tracy Aldridge were not in attendance to provide a report

Duane provided a list of upcoming events that can be found on GrandFungp.com.

5. Chair Report on Lake Ridge Community Building and The Big Event

Mal shared a recap of the RJC Bridal show

Lake Ridge Community Building:

The City has purchased property at England Parkway and Lake Ridge Parkway. The proposed concept is a public building (community building / recreation center): Book section, Meeting rooms, Possible indoor court, Possible indoor workout room, Study space. Outdoor components may include Trail system with workout units along the trail, Multi-sport concrete court, Multi-sport athletic field, Playground, Parking lot, Landscape and irrigation

Big Event Update:

Shirts and packet information was provided to all Park Board Members, Mal updated the members on time, location, and project for Saturday, March 25.

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

Duane gave a quick shoutout to Major League Cricket coming to Grand Prairie

Duane turned it over to Steve Plumer to give updates on each of the three parks

All three parks are under construction: Brand New playground at Mi Familia getting started / Turner is further along building by old baseball field also brand new playground, tribute to field, circular trail, picnic area / Tyre phase I - construction starting. Dredging pond - no fish right now, revamp restroom, basketball court, new pavilion. Starting design phase II on Tyre

Duane announced his retirement from the City of Grand Prairie end of April 2023. Next meeting will be his last meeting with the Park Board.

Also provided in the Park Board packets was the February 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 7:48 P.M.



Krista Marrs, Administrative Supervisor