

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
CITY COUNCIL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas
Monday, April 26, 2021
5:30 pm**

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. declared a meeting of the City Council Parks and Recreation Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members present were: Councilmember Russell Machann, Councilmember Steven Schneider and Councilmember Terry Freese.

Committee Member absent was: None.

Council Member present was: Councilmember Alice Heard-Roberts and Mayor Tim Barker.

Staff Members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Finance Director Joan Anandel and Community Development Director Gwyn Teves.

Staff Members absent were: None.

Visitors present were: Ms. Stephanie Konvicka.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held March 22, 2021. Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider discussion on parking in the Downtown Area. Community Development Director Gwyn Teves presented to the Committee the parking for the Downtown Area. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a presentation by Ms. Stephanie Konvicka on the Dinosaur Park Expansion Project. Ms. Konvicka stated to the Committee that Hesed House of Wharton was requesting approval and support from the City of Wharton to expand the lease on the property of the Dickson Rowan House in Dinosaur Park to include three (3) additional properties. She stated that Hesed House would agree to assume all responsibilities and costs related to improvements in exchange for the use of the facilities. She stated that Hesed House had secured a contractor and a scope of work

for the project. She stated that initial funding of \$15,000.00 has been secured and Hased House currently has a grant application pending with LCRA. She presented the plans to Committee. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the extension of the lease agreement with Hased House. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment. There being no further business to conduct Councilmember Terry Freese moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Andres Garza, Jr. City Manager