



PARK BOARD MEETING
PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - HALL
OF FAME CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 COLLEGE STREET
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 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 February 28, 2024, Park Board Meeting
- [2.](#) Award Presentation for Employees of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department
- [3.](#) Park Board Reports
- [4.](#) Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, and Golf Courses during the month of February 2024.
- [5.](#) Chair Report on: Grand Prairie Spring Break, Easter Eggstravaganza, Big Event Reflection and Solar Eclipse.
- [6.](#) Director Report on: Main Street Fest 2024, Parks Seasonal Job Fair Results, and National Fitness Campaign Fitness Courts Selected Art.

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 March 22,2024.

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: 3/27/2024

REQUESTER: Ally Brann

PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

TITLE: Minutes of the February 28, 2024, Park Board Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024, AT 6:00 PM**

MINUTES

INVOCATION CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

*Chair Mal Earl
Board Member Norris "Stretch" Rideaux
Board Member Euwye Chan
Board Member Greg Mullen
Board Member Susanna Ramirez
Board Member Warren Landrum
Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn
Board Member Mike Riley*

ABSENT

Board Member Tracy Aldridge

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No Citizen Comments

AGENDA ITEMS

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

Motion to approve the January 24, 2024, minutes made by Board Member Chan, Seconded by Board Member Mullens. Voting Yea: Chair Mal Earl, Board Member Norris "Stretch" Rideaux, Board Member Euwye Chan, Board Member Mike Riley, Board Member Greg Mullen, Board Member Susanna Ramirez, Board Member Warren Landrum

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. February Exemplary Employee Award: Paula Elliott, Park Service. February Seasonal & Part Time Worker Award: Avram Williams, Rentals at the Epic. February Teamwork Award: Naomi Seales, Aumoni Jennings, James Jones, Victor Garcia, Gabriel Amador. Recreation and Park Services.

3. National Fitness Campaign Artwork- Park Board Voting

Presented by Steve Plumer, Park Planning Manager. Park Board Members were invited to vote for their top 12 art pieces for the National Fitness Champaine Fitness Courts.

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. Warren Landrum – Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark. Stretch Rideaux – The Epic/ The Summit. Susanna Ramirez – Ruthe Jackson Center. Euwye Chan – Alliance Skate Park/ Sports Associations. Mike Riley - Recreation/Lake Parks

5. The Big Event Project Sign Up

Presented by Joey Gomez, Park Services Superintend. Park Board was informed that Mike Lewis Park would be the Big Event Project for Park Board. Chair Mal Earl passed around the sign-up sheet asking members to please volunteer if they are able.

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

Presented by Ray Cerda, Director.

7. Chair Report on State of the City March 7th, 2024. *The History and Perspective of the African-American Experience in Grand Prairie, Texas.*

Presented by Mal Earl, Chair. Board Member Warren Landrum spoke on the book that he has written.

8. Director Report on: Prairie Lights Recap PowerPoint

Presented by Ray Cerda, Director.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, the Park board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mal Earl at 7:45PM.



Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor



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MEETING DATE: 3/27/2024

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:

March Exemplary Employee Award: Jonathan Thompson, *Marketing Supervisor*

March Volunteer Award: Robin Basiliere, *Camp Store Loyd Park*



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

MEETING DATE: 3/27/2024
REQUESTER: Ally Brann
PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair
TITLE: Park Board Reports
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS:

Assignments of Park Board Members:

- Greg Mullen – Golf (Tangle Ridge & Prairie Lakes)
- Mal Earl – PlayGrand Adventures/Parks
- Angela Lucky-Vaughn – Cricket, Rugby, & Pickleball
- Warren Landrum – Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark
- Stretch Rideaux – The Epic/ The Summit
- Susanna Ramirez – Ruthe Jackson Center
- Euwe Chan – Alliance Skate Park/ Sports Associations
- Mike Riley – Recreation/Lake Parks
- Tracy Aldridge – Special Events



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 3/27/2024

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 February 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tree Board
FROM: Nathan Wilson, Operation Supervisor
RE: February 2024 Tree-Related Activities
DATE: 3-15-2024

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

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

- 1,100 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)

- 300 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance.

Totals for Tree-Related Activities:

- 1,400 - Man hours



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REQUESTER: Ally Brann

PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

TITLE: Chair Report on: Grand Prairie Spring Break, Easter Eggstravaganza, Big Event Reflection and Solar Eclipse.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS:



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PRESENTER: Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director

TITLE: Director Report on: Main Street Fest 2024, Parks Seasonal Job Fair Results, and National Fitness Campaign Fitness Courts Selected Art.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS: