



PARK BOARD MEETING
PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - HALL
OF FAME CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 COLLEGE STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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 January 24, 2024, Park Board Meeting
2. Award Presentation for Employees of the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department
3. National Fitness Campaign Artwork- Park Board Voting
4. Park Board Reports
5. The Big Event Project Sign Up
6. Tree Board Report to review tree-related activities for Park Services, Lake Parks, Golf Courses and Cemetery during the month of January 2024.
7. Chair Report on: State of the City March 7th, 2024. *The History and Perspective of the African-American Experience in Grand Prairie, Texas*
8. Director Report on: Prairie Lights Recap PowerPoint

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 February 23,2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ally Brann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "B" at the end.

Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 2/28/2024

REQUESTER: Ally Brann

PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

TITLE: Minutes of the January 24,2024, Park Board Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 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

Board Member Tracy Aldridge

Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn

ABSENT

Board Member Mike Riley

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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 Tracy Aldridge, 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. November Exemplary Employee Award: Dana Woods, Sr. Parks Planner. January Exemplary Employee Award: Kamryn Arrington, Epic Rentals Aide. January Partnership Award: Matthew Palmer, Ernie Pruitt & Richard Hill, Metroplex Wrestling

3. 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. Tracy Aldridge – Special Events

4. New Park Board Reporting Procedures

Presented by Chris Michalski, Assistant Director. Outlined expectations of Park Board Members and Parks Staff communications regarding Park Board Reports.

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

Presented by Ray Cerda, Director.

6. Chair Report on: Ribbon Cuttings at Mi Familia Park and Tyre Park Phase I, Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, and Employee Recognition Committee.

Presented by Mal Earl, Chair. Vice-Chair, Angela Luckey-Vaughn spoke about the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade.

7. Director Report on: National Recreation and Park Association Budget 2024 (October 8-10th Atlanta, Georgia)

Presented by Ray Cerda, Director.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, the Park board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mal Earl at 7:25PM.



Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor



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MEETING DATE: 2/28/2024

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:

February Exemplary Employee Award: Paula Elliott, *Park Services*

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*



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
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MEETING DATE: 2/28/2024
REQUESTER: Ally Brann
PRESENTER: Steve Plumer, Park Planning Manager
TITLE: National Fitness Campaign Artwork- Park Board Voting
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS:



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MEETING DATE: 2/28/2024
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: 2/28/2024
REQUESTER: Ally Brann
PRESENTER: Joey Gomez, Superintendent of Park
TITLE: The Big Event Project Sign Up
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS:



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MEETING DATE: 2/28/2024

REQUESTER: Ally Brann

PRESENTER: Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tree Board
FROM: Nathan Wilson, Operation Supervisor
RE: January 2024 Tree-Related Activities
DATE: 2-15-2024

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

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

- 646 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)

- 207 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance.

Cemetery:

- 15 Man Hours – Pruning/maintenance.

Totals for Tree-Related Activities:

- 868 - Man hours



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REQUESTER: Ally Brann

PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS:



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MEETING DATE: 2/28/2024
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PRESENTER: Ray Cerda, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director
TITLE: Director Report on: Prairie Lights Recap PowerPoint
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

ANALYSIS: