



PARK BOARD MEETING
THE EPIC – THE WAREHOUSE
2960 EPIC PLACE, GRAND PRAIRIE, TX 75052
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023, AT 6:00 PM

AGENDA

INVOCATION

CALL TO ORDER

After the meeting is closed the Park Board will enjoy a meal together without conducting any business.

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 October 25, 2023, Park Board Meeting

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 November 30, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ally Brann".

Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
COMMUNICATION**

MEETING DATE: 12/06/2023
REQUESTER: Ally Brann
PRESENTER: Mal Earl, Park Board Chair
TITLE: Minutes of the October 25, 2023, Park Board Meeting
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve



PARK BOARD MEETING
PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - HALL
OF FAME CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 COLLEGE STREET
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

MINUTES

INVOCATION

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chair Mal Earl

Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn

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

ABSENT

Board Member Tracy Aldridge

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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Alexandria Dave, 2305 Sweetwater Dr., came to speak on changing the name at Dalworth Recreation Center. Alexandria would like it renamed after her grandfather. Alexandria would like the Park Board to reconsider the name change.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the September 13, 2023, Park Board Meeting

Motion to approve the August 23, 2023, minutes made by Vice Chair Luckey-Vaughn, Seconded by Board Member Rideaux. Voting Yea: Chair Mal Earl, Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn, 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

Director Ray Cerda and Chair Mal Earl presented awards to the following: September Exemplary Employee Award: J.J. Jefferson, The Epics Athletics & Events Coordinator, October Exemplary Employee Award: Jordin Blacklock, Financial Analyst, October Thinking Outside the Box Award: Rebecca Estrada, The Summit Guest Service Coordinator, Years of Service on Park Board Recognition Award: Bryan Parra 2017-2023 & Malcom Chakery 2017-2023.

3. Park Liaisons meet and greet for Park Board Members Assignments

Presented by Assistant Director Chris Michalski. Board Members were introduced to Park Staff who would be the point of contact for Park Board Assignments.

4. Park Board Reports – Members to Report on Assignments

Park Board Members presented their assignments one at a time.

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

Presented by Director Ray Cerda

6. Approval of the Presentations Approvals and Reports Schedule for 2024

Presented by Chair Mal Earl

- *No Meeting in November (Combined November and December Meeting)*
- *December 6, 2023 – Holiday Dinner, No Park Board Reports or Presentations*
- *January 24, 2024 – Park Board Reports*
- *February 28, 2024 – Big Event (Project and Committee Approval) and Park Board Reports*
- *March 27, 2024 – Park Board Reports*
- *April 24, 2024 – Sports Association Presentations and Approval, No Park Board Reports*
- *May 22, 2024 – Hall of Fame (Scholarship Committee and Inductee Nominations) and Park Board Reports*
- *June 26, 2024 – Park Site Tours, No Park Board Reports or Presentations*
- *No Meeting in July*
- *August 21, 2024 – Parks 101 Presentation, No Park Board Reports*
- *September 25, 2024 – Park Board Elections, Approval of the Presentations Approvals and Reports Schedule for 2025 and Park Board Reports*
- *October 23, 2024 – Park Site Tours, No Park Board Reports or Presentations*

Motion to approve made by Board Member Chan, Seconded by Board Member Ramirez. Voting Yea: Chair Mal Earl, Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn, 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

7. Prairie Lights Presentation

Presented by Ray Cerda, PowerPoint was displayed going over Prairie Lights 2023

8. Dalworth Recreation Center Name Change Report and Vote

Presented by Board Member Warren, Board Member Mullen, and Vice Chair Luckey-Vaughn. Recommendation by appointed Board Members to investigate name change is to deny.

Motion to deny made by Board Member Chan, Seconded by Board Member Warren. Voting Yea: Chair Mal Earl, Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn, 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

9. Consideration of a statue of Charley Taylor at Charley Taylor Recreation Center

Presented by Chair Mal Earl

Motion to approve made by Board Member Mullen, Seconded by Vice Chair Luckey-Vaughn. Voting Yea: Chair Mal Earl, Vice Chair Angela Lucky-Vaughn, 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

10. Chair Report – Employee of the Year Award, Street 'N Treat, No Park Board Meeting in November, Park Board Holiday Dinner in December.

Presented by Chair Mal Earl

11. Director Report – National Recreation and Park Association Conference Discussion, Employee Appreciation Luncheon Discussion, Veterans Day Celebration.

Presented by Ray Cerda

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, the Park board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Mal Earl at 8:05 P.M.



Ally Brann, Administrative Supervisor