

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
CITY COUNCIL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas  
Monday, February 27, 2023  
5:30 p.m.**

Assistant City Manager, Paula Favors, declared a meeting of the City Council Parks and Recreation Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 5:32 p.m.

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

Committee Member absent: None.

Council Member present: None.

Staff Members present: Assistant City Manager, Paula Favors; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Finance Director, Joan Andel; Public Works Director, Anthony Arcidiacono; Building Official, Claudia Velasquez; Code Enforcement Officer, Nathan Vogt and Facilities Maintenance Director, Bob Baker via phone.

Staff Members absent: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace.

Visitors present: Beautification Commissioner, Adraylle Watson.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held May 9, 2022. Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember, Steven Schneider, seconded. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council accepting the Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) Grant Agreement awarding \$61,700.13 towards installation of equipment and fencing for a dog park. Building Official, Claudia Velasquez, stated to the Committee that on January 18, 2023, the Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) announced that they would fully fund the Beautification Commission Dog Park Project in the amount of \$61,700.13. She stated that the City Council approved to implement and fundraise for the Dog Park in an existing City Park in January 2022. She stated that the Beautification Commission and City Liaison had received notification that the project had been selected for award and funding. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the acceptance of the grant from

the Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) in the amount of \$61,700.13 to go toward the installation of equipment and fencing. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council awarding a contract for the installation of fencing and equipment for the Dog Park and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said contract. Building Official, Claudia Velasquez, stated to the Committee that on January 10, 2022, the City Council had approved to implement and fundraise for a Dog Park in an existing City Park. She stated with fundraising efforts and assistance from the Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) the Dog Park would be fully funded to build the Dog Park located at 900 N. Fulton. She stated three proposals were received.


The following proposals were received:

1. Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Equipment-\$56,793.38.
2. Dog On It Parks-\$68,080.00
3. Adventure Playground Systems-\$87,957.80

She stated that the City Staff was recommending Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks for the purchase of the equipment and installation for the Dog Park. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

  
Joseph R. Pace, City Manager