



**CITY OF WHARTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**Monday, November 27, 2023
5:30 PM**

***CITY HALL 120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488***

**NOTICE OF
CITY OF WHARTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the Wharton City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA

Dated this 21st day of November 2023.


By: 
Joseph R. Pace, City Manager

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, at City Hall of said City or Town in Wharton, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

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Dated this 21st day of November 2023.

CITY OF WHARTON

By: 
Paula Favors
City Secretary



A G E N D A
CITY OF WHARTON
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2023
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Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Public Comments.


Review and Consider:

1. Minutes from the meeting held on May 8, 2023.
2. Request from Mr. Walter Garrett to address the Committee.

Adjournment.

City of Wharton
120 E. Caney Street
Wharton, TX 77488

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Date:	11/27/2023	Agenda Item:	Minutes from the meeting held on May 8, 2023.
Attached are the minutes from the meeting held May 8, 2023.			
City Manager: Joseph R. Pace		Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023	
Approval: 			
Mayor: Tim Barker			

MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
CITY COUNCIL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas
Monday, May 8, 2023
6:00 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 6:01 p.m.

Committee Members present: Councilmember, Steven Schneider; Councilmember, Russell Machann, 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 Anandel; Building Official, Claudia Velasquez, and Public Works Director, Anthony Arcidiacono.

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

Visitors present: Ms. Debbie Folks and Mr. 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 on March 13, 2023. Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember, Steve Schneider, seconded. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider the City of Wharton Dog Park:

A. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a location for the City of Wharton Dog Park and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said approval.

B. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council awarding a contract to Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks 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 the Beautification Commission was recommending to the City Council the installation of a Dog Park on the Santa Fe Trail located at 900 North Fulton Street. She stated that with the efforts and assistance from the Public Works Department, Facility Maintenance Department, and Building Department a visual walkthrough was conducted.

She stated that the City Staff believed that the Dog Park would benefit the citizens if it was to be built on the Santa Fe Trail for the following reasons:

- Existing access to lighting from Santa Fe Trail.
- Adequate parking spaces.
- Access to waterlines for the dog drinking fountains.
- Adequate shading from the gazebo and planted trees.

She also presented two alternate locations for the Dog Park.

She stated that also, on January 10, 2022, the City Council approved to implement and fundraise for a Dog Park in an existing City Park. She stated that with fundraising efforts and assistance from Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) that the Dog Park would be fully funded to build the Dog Park. She stated that the following proposal was obtained from Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks in the amount of \$56,793.38. She stated that Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks was a member of the BuyBoard Cooperative Program. After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to build the Dog Park at 900 North Fulton Street for the Dog Park. Councilmember, Steven Schneider, seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Councilmember, Terry Freese, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to award a contract to Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks for the installation of the fencing and equipment for the Dog Park. Councilmember, Russell Machann, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council accepting funding from the Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) for the Beautification Commission's Rock Garden Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents related to said funding. Building Official, Claudia Velasquez, stated to the Committee that on January 18, 2023, the Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) announced to fully fund the Beautification Commission's Rock Garden Project at the Wharton County Library in the amount of \$2,000.00. She stated that the Beautification Commission and the City Liaison received notification that the Project had been selected for award and funding. She stated that the Rock Garden Project was presented to the Wharton County Commissioner's Court and received approval. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to accept the funding from the Bay Area Council on Drugs & Alcohol (BACODA) for the Beautification Commission's Rock Garden Project. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.


The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Joseph R. Pace, City Manager

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