

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

JANUARY 14, 2021

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board met in regular session at the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Conference Room, 1611 North Stonebridge Drive, McKinney, Texas on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:02 p.m.

Board members Present: Chair Kip Dixon, Vice Chair Melanie Butler, Samuel Franklin, James Delozier, Boyd Pelley, Kelvin Thomas, Windy Gallagher, and Leslie Warren

Absent: Sean Nance

Staff Present: Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Kowski, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Ryan Mullins, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, Parks Planning and Development Manager Jenny Baker, Parks Planning Manager Jill Yount, Parks Planner II Michael Duree, Parks Planner April Butler, and Parks Executive Assistant Flora Ray

Liaisons Present: MCDC Chair Jackie Brewer and Councilman Frederick Frazier

21-0013 Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Samuel Franklin, seconded by Board member Boyd Pelley to approve the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Advisory Board Meeting of December 10, 2020

21-0014 Director Kowski's report included the following updates: new signage at the Recreation Center at Towne Lake, Cottonwood Park is nearing completion, Finch Park is now open, Old Settler's Recreation Center should open around May, the next phase for Old Settler's Park will start with the Master Plan, the Craig Ranch Soccer Complex is getting a new connector road, new playgrounds and baseball/softball fields at Gabe Nesbitt, Al Ruschhaupt Soccer Complex had new field lighting installed, construction at the new Prestwyck Park started, The Courts of McKinney was selected to host the USA Mid-South Regional Championship for Pickleball in April, the DFW Directors Association awarded the McKinney Parks & Recreation team the following for:

Arts & Entertainment Award: Party on the Patio - Rec Center at Towne Lake; Excellence in Mentoring Award: Michael Kowski, Parks & Rec Director; Distinguished Professional Award: Laura Cegelski, Senior Rec Center Supervisor; and Supreme Service Award for Volunteer: Rick Moreno, McKinney Parks Foundation. Lastly, Assistant Director Mullins reported on various ways to fundraise, more research and findings will be reported to the Board in future meetings.

21-0015 Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member James Delozier, seconded by Board member Samuel Franklin to approve the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with DCBA Landscape Architecture of Plano, Texas for Landscape Architectural and Engineering Services related to the design of a 15.2 Acre Neighborhood Park Located within the Robinson Ridge Subdivision

21-0016 Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Boyd Pelley, seconded by Vice Chair Melanie Butler to approve the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with Studio Outside Landscape Architecture of Dallas, Texas, for Professional Planning and Landscape Architectural Services for additional Sports Fields at Gabe Nesbitt Park

Chairman Dixon called for any citizen comments and there were none.

Chairman Dixon called for any Board, MCDC Liaison, or Director Comments: MCDC Chair Brewer thanked Parks & Recreation Director Kowski for clear communication regarding requests from the MCDC Board; Councilman Frazier thanked the Board & Staff for efficiently conducting the PROS meetings. Director Kowski informed the Board that in February, Parks Superintendent Sillito will present his plans for landscape improvement at the MPAC.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Kelvin Thomas, seconded by Board member Samuel Franklin to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is available through the City of McKinney meeting archive.

These minutes approved by the PROS Board members on: _____

KIP DIXON
Chairman

FLORA RAY
Meeting Clerk