

## **PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD**

**JULY 14, 2022**

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, July 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Board members Present: Chair Kip Dixon, Vice Chair Boyd Pelley, Leslie Warren, Sean Nance, Kelvin Thomas, Bruce Mead, LuAnne Malnory, and Windy Gallagher

Absent: Samuel Franklin

Liaisons Present: Councilman Patrick Cloutier

Staff Present: Director of Parks & Recreation Michael Kowski, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Ryan Mullins, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, Parks Planning & Development Manager Jenny Baker, Parks Planner II April Butler, APEX Centre Manager Erica Lyght, Aquatics Supervisor Griffin White, Recreation & Events Supervisor Trish Yanes, Assistant Recreation Center Supervisor Lauren Woodson, Assistant Recreation Center Supervisor William Doss, and Parks & Recreation Executive Assistant Flora Ray

**22-0609** Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Leslie Warren, seconded by Board member Bruce Mead to approve the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of June 9, 2022

**22-0610** Director Kowski asked Assistant Director Mullins to update the Board on the status of the RecQuest event for Parks & Rec month. RecQuest is an app-based scavenger hunt game that has residents explore parks, facilities, activities, and special events to earn points to win the grand prize. As of this date, 230 residents downloaded the Eventzee app needed to play RecQuest. Of those 230, 150 residents have amassed points towards being entered for the grand prize. Residents are also using & enjoying the chat feature that allows communication between teams. The event runs through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Director Kowski then continued the Director's Report by informing the Board that progress continues to be made for the indoor tennis building with the projected opening by the end of this year. He also gave the good news that a former trainee at the Courts of McKinney Tennis Center, Liv Hovde, a McKinney resident won

the Wimbledon Girls' title, only the 2nd American to win in 30 years. The Board was invited to attend City Council on July 19<sup>th</sup> for the Proclamation of 2022 Wimbledon Girls' Champion Liv Hovde Day. The Old Settler's Aquatic Center is now officially the Gilda Garcia Garza Aquatic Center. Talks will begin for the Board to consider renaming the Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney World Collection to include Neil Sperry in the name.

**22-0611** Director Kowski then introduced Recreation & Events Supervisor Trish Yanes to present on Old Settler's Recreation Center (OSRC), Recreation Center a Towne Lake (RCTL), and Special Events. Supervisor Yanes reminded the Board that OSRC has been open 1 year since renovations completed. In that year, the Rec & Rise after-school programming continues to flourish, there is a 47% increase in programming for teenagers, community outreach & engagement events involve local residents but also attract residents from around the City. RCTL continues to host popular events such as the free music series, Party on the Patio that takes place in the Spring and Fall. New programming for Towne Lake will start soon. Kayak rentals & lessons will be available in the Fall. Adapted Recreation continues to be a hit with the monthly Social Dance Nights. Soon the Fall & Winter events will begin to be planned such as Trick-or-Treat-Trail and Breakfast with Santa.

**22-0612** Director Kowski introduced Aquatics Supervisor Griffin White who then reported on the Aquatics division to the Board. Supervisor White started with the awards that were received from North Texas Aquatics for Agency of the Year. Soon the lifeguards will compete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Guard Games. Throughout the Summer, the budget is mostly for part-time staff along with 4 full-time employees. He then reported on the status of the Juanita Maxfield Aquatic Center (JMAC) renovations. Unfortunately, due to contractor negligence & the concrete shortage, JMAC remains closed for the Summer. A new contractor was hired & repairs are now progressing.

**22-0613** Director Kowski introduced APEX Centre Manager Erica Lyght to give the annual update. Manager Lyght started her report with the good news that cost recovery is increasing after covid. This year is also the 5<sup>th</sup> year that the APEX Centre has been opened. New equipment & member events are being added such as the sauna & a member only wine tasting. The month of June had the highest day pass purchases to date & many are converted to memberships. The gym floor was remodeled to make more room for equipment giving more space for patrons. Although the expansion is on a temporary hold due to current market conditions, an outdoor fitness gym will be constructed.

**22-0614** Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Kip Dixon, seconded by Board member Boyd Pelley to withdraw Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation to City Council on a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Renovation of Fields and Various Park Improvements at the McKinney Soccer Complex at Craig Ranch

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

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Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Kelvin Thomas, seconded by Board member Windy Gallagher to adjourn at 6:55p.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: \_\_\_\_\_

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KIP DIXON  
Chairman

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FLORA RAY  
Meeting Clerk