

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

**NOVEMBER 11, 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, November 11, 2021 at 5:02 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Liaisons Present: MCDL Chair Jackie Brewer

Staff Present: Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Kowski, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Ryan Mullins, and Parks and Recreation Executive Assistant Flora Ray

**21-1004** Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Sean Nance, seconded by Board member Leslie Warren to approve the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of October 14, 2021

**21-1005** The Director's Report began with Director Kowski informing the Board that the Restore the Canopy event was a success. Over 150 volunteers helped plant 1,600 trees at the McKinney Greens park. A concept plan for the 4.7 acre park on the west side of McKinney Greens has been selected by residents through the online survey. The Texas Recreation and Park Society North Region awarded McKinney Parks & Recreation 5 awards out of 15 categories. Excellence in Programming: Night Hikes at Rec Center at Towne Lake; Excellence in Senior Programming: Grandparents Camp at Senior Rec Center; Excellence in Maintenance: Parks Academy; Recreation Professional of the Year: Calie Willis, Senior Rec Center; and Horizons Award: Alex Copeland, Apex Centre.

**21-1006** Director Kowski presented the Board with the locations for the Fall Tour. Five locations were selected to show the Board the open spaces with

plans for future use.

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

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Assistant Director Mullins noted that he is working with pickleball players at Finch Park. Another dedicated pickleball court will be added to accommodate the demand for this growing sport.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Kelvin Thomas, seconded by Board member Samuel Franklin to adjourn at 5:48 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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KIP DIXON  
Chairman

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FLORA RAY  
Meeting Clerk