

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

**APRIL 8, 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, April 8, 2021 at 5:02 p.m.

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

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, Senior Recreation Supervisor Laura Cegelski, Aquatics Supervisor Natalia Robalik, and Parks Executive Assistant Flora Ray

Liaisons Present: MCDC Chair Jackie Brewer, Councilwoman Angela Richardson, and Councilman Frederick Frazier

**21-0277** Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Boyd Pelley, seconded by Board member Kelvin Thomas to approve the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of February 11, 2021

**21-0278** Director Kowski informed the Board of revised plans for the garden at Finch Park in honor of Mrs. Jill Alcantara; the garden was designed by Parks Superintendent Sillito & planted by Mrs. Alcantara's family & volunteers from the McKinney Garden Club. The Parks Maintenance team led by Supervisor Boady Sandlin, built a new set of life-sized Unique letters to travel throughout the park system. The Unique letters will be showcased at the Byron Nelson Golf Tournament. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Courts at Gabe Nesbitt will host 950 participants in the 4-day 2021 USA Pickleball Mid-South Regional Championship. Assistant Director Mullins reported on the repairs needed due to the February winter storm. All Parks & Recreation swimming pools, including the APEX Centre;

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irrigation & restroom plumbing at Oak Hollow Golf Course, and all outdoor park restrooms were affected.

**21-0279** Director Kowski led the Discussion on the professional services contract for the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services related to the Design and Construction of the Indoor Tennis Facility at Gabe Nesbitt Community Park. Several companies are being considered to build the indoor courts. A firm will be chosen by Fall 2021 with project completion by Summer 2022.

**21-0280** A presentation on the renovation updates and the new membership rates at the Senior Recreation Center & Pool was given by Supervisors Laura Cegelski and Natalia Robalik. Plans for opening safely with new activities in the newly renovated building will open on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Starting April 26<sup>th</sup>, residents can tour the building as well as pre-register.

Chairman Dixon called for any citizen comments: McKinney resident Mr. Brian Pierce spoke about the hike & bike trails and the skate park. He suggested building a park specifically for bicycles, called a pump track, in Gabe Nesbitt Community park.

Chairman Dixon called for any Board, MCDC Liaison, or Director Comments: Director Kowski noted that the Hike & Bike Trail Master Plan includes ideas to accommodate the growth in recreation bicycling. Examples & plans for a pump track will be presented to the Board at a future PROS meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Pierce for his attendance & thoughtful input for future park features.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member James Delozier seconded by Board member Samuel Franklin to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

These minutes approved by the PROS Board members on: \_\_\_\_\_

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KIP DIXON  
Chairman

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FLORA RAY  
Meeting Clerk