

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

November 10, 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, November 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Board members Present: Chair LuAnne Malnory, Vice Chair Boyd Pelley, Kelvin Thomas, Leslie Warren, Samuel Franklin, Kelvin Thomas, Bruce Mead, Alternate Monica Escamilla, and Alternate Ric Anderson.

Absent: Windy Gallagher

Liaisons Present: Patrick Cloutier, City Council, Deidre Woodard, Visit McKinney liaison, and Mary Barnes-Tilley, MCDC liaison.

Staff Present: Director Michael Kowski, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Ryan Mullins, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, Parks Planning & Development Manager Jenny Baker, Parks Planning Manager Jill Yount, Parks, Parks Planner II April Buter, and Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant Jennifer Cook

22-1033 Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board Chair LuAnne Malnory, seconded by Sam Franklin to approve the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of October 13, 2022.

REPORTS

22-1034 Director Kowski then provided an update on various projects and events happening across the parks system. Highlights included a recap of Finch Park opening, the completion of the shade structures, the 1,600 trees that were planted on behalf of Restore the Shade Parks Foundation with 550 volunteers completing the work.

22-1035 Director Kowski discussed the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan and gave updates on the following: The Senior Recreation Center

celebrated 20 years this summer, with 63 active volunteers. We taught over 1,400 swim lessons. McKinney will be hosting 6 sports associations consisting of 12,000 players, 14 travel teams and 3,800 other teams as well. Al Ruschaupt has new restroom facilities. John and Judy Gay field will add 8 more softball fields. Craig Ranch has a \$25 million renovation in Phase 1. Our Tennis center will be the premier public facility and will be completed in the 1st quarter of 2023. Finley, Mary Will Craig, Old Settler's Prestwyck and Towne Lake projects have all been given the approval to move ahead. Our Maintenance Department received the 2022 Agency of the Year, APEX received the Best Fitness Center. Chamber of Commerce awarded Best Project of the Year to the renovation of Old Settler's Recreation Center. Lastly, the Parks Maintenance Department received 3rd place at the Maintenance Rodeo. Chair Malnory called for any comments. There were none.

22-1036 Director Kowski discussed the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan and gave updates on the following: We are building more trails at Gray Branch Park. Erwin Park is the most popular amongst the mountain bike community, with DORBA maintaining the trail system for us.

Chair Malnory called for any Board, MCDC Liaison, or Director Comments. Leslie Warren asked where parking was for McKinney Greens. Assistant Director Mullins answered that there is parking on Stewart Road. Alternate Warren asked if there are any plans to invite more teams for sports. He was answered that The Courts of McKinney will host a youth league with partnerships. Vice Chair Boyd asked if anyone could speak to the Airport project. Liaison Cloutier reported that there is a Bond Committee meeting on the May 2023 election. Also, Proposition A for Liquor Sales passed in the 2022 election. Mary Barnes-Tilley reported for MCDC: Promotional Community Grants for funds open on 12/1/22. Also, they are supporting several holiday initiatives such as Chestnut Square activities, Home for the

Holidays and Parade of Lights. Deidre Woodard reported for Volunteer McKinney that there is a new Visitor's Center opening soon but right now their offices will be closed temporarily on November 14, 2022, for renovation. Pop up shops will be open in MPAC for merchandise while the renovations are being completed. Dallas Sports Community, Director Kowski, Aaron Schroeter and Visit McKinney are planning a joint tour for the 2026 World Cup here in McKinney. Lastly, Ms. Woodard also encouraged the Board to download the Visit McKinney app to cell phones when you have a moment.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Boyd Pelley, seconded by Kelvin Thomas 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: _____

LuAnne Malnory
Chair

MICHAEL KOWSKI
Director of Parks & Recreation