

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

JUNE 9, 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, June 9, 2022 at 5:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Windy Gallagher

Liaisons Present: MCDC Board member Jackie Brewer and 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 Planning Manager Jill Yount, Parks Planner II Michael Duree, Communications & Media Specialist Tony Adamo, APEX Centre Manager Erica Lyght, and Parks & Recreation Executive Assistant Flora Ray

22-0517 Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Bruce Mead, seconded by Board member LuAnne Malnory to approve the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of May 12, 2022

22-0518 Director Kowski informed the Board that the frame for the indoor tennis courts is up & the completion date will be by the end of this year. The master plan for Wattle Park is approved and construction starts this Fall on the landfill area. Executive Assistant Flora Ray presented on administrative tasks & answered questions from the Board. Communications & Media Specialist Tony Adamo gave a presentation on the behind-the-scenes workings of how social media posts & newsletters reach and interact with our residents. Planning & Development Manager Jenny Baker gave a recap of the 25 current projects (of 80 total projects) totaling \$120 million dollars. Soon she will work with MCDC to request funds to be used for aging playground

equipment, a new mobile concert stage, and parks maintenance equipment such as a street sweeper. Director Kowski ended his report with two announcements: the renaming of the Old Settler's Aquatic Center to the Gilda Garcia Garza Aquatic Center; and City Council recognizing the Dallas Off-Road Bike Association (DORBA) with a Proclamation at the June 7th Council meeting.

22-0519 Director Kowski then introduced DORBA Trail Steward & McKinney Parks Foundation outgoing President Rich Szecsy to the Board. Rich presented the Board with the history of his involvement in both the McKinney Parks Foundation and DORBA. They both have an important partnership with the Parks & Recreation department completing extensive, money saving, & impressive projects such as the McKinney Greens Park Restore the Canopy Event and the Erwin Park Mountain Bike Skills Course. Rich ended his presentation by introducing newly named DORBA Trail Steward Shawn Feiock.

22-0520 This item for the Annual Updates on Old Setter's Recreation Center, Recreation Center at Towne Lake, and Special Event has been tabled to the July 14th meeting.

22-0521 Board members unanimously approved the Recommendation to City Council Authorizing the Application and Acceptance, if Awarded, of a Collin County Parks and Open Space Project Funding Assistance Program for the Greens of McKinney Trail Project and Other Improvements by Board member Boyd Pelley, seconded by Board member Kelvin Thomas

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

Chairman Dixon called for any Board, MCDC Liaison, or Director Comments: Director Kowski informed the Board that MPAC/Main Street Program Director Amy Rosenthal is leaving the City of McKinney.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member LuAnne Malnory, seconded by Board member Boyd Pelley adjourn at 6:26p.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