

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

JULY 08, 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, July 08, 2021, at 5:02 p.m.

Board members Present: Chair Kip Dixon, Vice Chair Melanie Butler, Samuel Franklin, James Delozier, Sean Nance, Kelvin Thomas, and Leslie Warren

Absent: Boyd Pelley and Windy Gallagher

Staff Present: Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Kowski, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Ryan Mullins, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, Parks Planning and Development Manager Jenny Baker, Parks Planner II Michael Duree, Parks Planner April Butler, and Parks Executive Assistant Flora Ray

Liaisons Present: Councilman Frederick Frazier

- 21-0584** Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Sean Nance, seconded by Board member James Delozier to approve the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of June 10, 2021
- 21-0585** Director Michael Kowski informed the Board that July is Parks & Recreation Month. He invited them to attend the following events: The grand re-openings of Old Settler's Recreation Center, the Senior Center & Pool, and Cottonwood Park. Also, Hawaiian Night at the Juanita Maxfield Aquatic Center that concludes Parks & Recreation Month. Progress reports were given for the Old Settler's Park renovations, the Recreation Center at Towne Lake signage, Prestwyck Park construction, the Craig Ranch monument, and the Painted Tree parkland dedication.
- 21-0586** Dunaway & Associates presented the Board with the Preliminary Trails Master Plan and the Preliminary Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Update. Each park had categories assigned: Restore, Enhance, or Reimagine. All the hike & bike trails were analyzed, given

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careful consideration for planning, and recommendations were given for improvements.

21-0587 Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Sean Nance, seconded by Board member Leslie Warren to approve a recommendation to City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment for DCBA Landscape Architecture of McKinney Texas, Related to the Renovation of 2 Sports Fields at the McKinney Soccer Complex at Craig Ranch.

21-0588 Director Michael Kowski led the discussion for the potential improvements to Gray Branch Park.

Chairman Dixon called for any citizen comments: Resident Austin Rucker expressed his approval for the plans to upgrade the Hike & Bike Trails System. He would like to see the trails go through downtown as well.

Chairman Dixon called for any Board, MCDC Liaison, or Director Comments: Councilman Frazier asked when the improvements to the Craig Ranch Soccer fields will start which could be as early as September. Director Kowski congratulated Assistant Director Mullins and Special Event Coordinator Trish Yanes for the successful 4th of July event, Red White & Boom.

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Kelvin Thomas, seconded by Board member James Delozier to adjourn at 6:26 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: _____

KIP DIXON
Chairman

FLORA RAY
Meeting Clerk