

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

JANUARY 11, 2024

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, January 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Chair Bruce Mead called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. upon determining a quorum consisting of Board Chair Mead and the following Board Members were present: Leslie Warren, Samuel Franklin, Windy Gallagher, David Clarke, Monica Escamilla, LuAnne Malnory, Kevin Korenthal.

Board Members Absent: Todd Burton

These Staff and City Council Members were present: Interim Director Ryan Mullins, Interim Assistant Director Jenny Baker, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, Administrative Specialist Kayla Chrisman, Administrative Specialist Kara Dickson, Council Member Partick Cloutier, MCDC Liaison Joy Booth.

There were 1 members of the public present in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Board members Present: Leslie Warren, Samuel Franklin, Windy Gallagher, Bruce Mead, David Clarke, Monica Escamilla, LuAnne Malnory, Kevin Korenthal

Absent: Todd Burton

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (For Non-Public Hearing Items) – No Comments

CONSENT ITEMS

24-1085 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of November 9, 2023

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member LuAnne Malnory, seconded by Board member Windy Gallagher, to Approved and Referred 24-1085 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of November 9, 2023.

REPORTS

24-1086 Director's Report

Interim Director Ryan Mullins provided Parks & Recreation updates starting with the newly open park at Robinson Ridge on December 2, 2023. Excellence in Programming award for Trick or Treat Trail and Excellence in Park Design Award for Mary Will Craig Park were awarded by North Region Texas Recreation & Parks Society to staff. Updates on Parks Development projects provided: EA Randles Park construction is underway; Craig Ranch Soccer Complex project is currently on track for completion this Spring. Recreation Center at Towne Lake renovations are underway with a goal to complete the fall of this year.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 24-1087** Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation to City Council for a Resolution Naming a Park within Trinity Falls, Located at the Northeast Corner of Heron Creek Pass and Sweetwater

Board members unanimously approved a name recommendation of Forest Ridge Park by Board member LuAnne Malnory, seconded by Board member David Clarke, to Approved 24-1087 Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation to City Council for a Resolution Naming a Park within Trinity Falls, Located at the Northeast Corner of Heron Creek Pass and Sweetwater Cove

PUBLIC COMMENTS Regarding Matters not on the Agenda – No comments

BOARD, LIAISON, AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Board Member Windy Gallagher mentioned Dr. Mitchell and his contributions to McKinney.

Board Member David Clarke asked about creating additional plaques at other parks to display the history of the park and its namesake.

Board Member Leslie Warren expressed how far Gray Branch Park has come and requested a trash can and sign for dogs to remain on leash at the park.

Board Member Monica Escamilla expressed concern about the drainage design at Old Settlers Park. Interim Assistant Director Jenny Baker provide additional details on the design plans.

Board Member LuAnne Malnory requested more mulch at Murphy Park Playground area. Board Member Malnory also mentioned the UNIQUE letters have a few lights out.

Chair Bruce Mead asked for feedback from board members on adjusting the start time of the PROS meetings at 6 p.m. The consensus from board members is to leave the meeting at 5 p.m. McKinney Park Foundation monthly maintenance at Erwin Park this Saturday starting at 8 a.m. Clean up efforts at McKinney Greens is scheduled for January 20. The McKinney Parks Foundation Annual Kick Off will be at TUPPS Brewery on February 22, 2024. Proceeds from sales at the Kickoff will be donated to MPF. Chair Mead also provided updates on the Learning Garden project.

MCDC Liaison Joy Booth provided MCDC updates. MCDC board will be considering 13 applications for Grants for Promotional and Community Event Grants. Project Grants reviews are also underway. There is one application for Main Gate for construction and landscaping for \$500,000. TUPPS project is a little behind schedule but is making good progress.

Council Patrick Cloutier provided information on the Runway agenda item being tabled for a later date. A charter amendment may be included on the May ballot to change the Current Council term from two 4-year terms to three 4-year terms. Councilman Cloutier also provided feedback on the Downtown Redevelopment project and his thoughts on the presentations to City Council and Downtown Development potential.

ADJOURN

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Samuel Franklin, seconded by Board member Leslie Warren, to Approved adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is available through the City of McKinney meeting archive.

These minutes were approved by the PROS Board members on Thursday, February 8, 2024, and referred to the City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 2024 for City Council approval.

SIGNED:

BRUCE MEAD, Board Chair
WINDY GALLAGHER, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

KARA DICKSON, Meeting Clerk

City of McKinney, Texas