

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

**APRIL 13, 2023**

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board and the McKinney Community Development Corporation (MCDC) of the City of McKinney met in joint session at McKinney Community Development Corporation, 7300 SH 121, Ste 200, McKinney, Texas on Thursday, April 13 at 5:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE BOARD**

Board members Present: LuAnne Malnory, Boyd Pelley, Samuel Franklin, Windy Gallagher, Kelvin Thomas, Leslie Warren

Absent: Bruce Mead, Ric Anderson, Monica Escamilla

Employees present: Parks & Recreation Director Michael Kowski, Assistant Director Ryan Mullins, Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito, Parks Planning & Development Manager Jenny Baker, Parks Planning Manager Jill Yount, Parks Planner II Michael Duree, Parks Planner II April Butler, Parks Planner II Dakota Cryer, Administrative Specialist Kara Dickson and Accreditation & Reporting Specialist Edith Ruiz.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (For Non-Public Hearing Agenda Items)**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**23-0279** Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of March 9, 2023

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Kelvin Thomas, seconded by Board member Boyd Pelley, to Approved and Referred 23-0279 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of March 9, 2023

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**ADJOURN PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE BOARD**

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Windy Gallagher, seconded by Board member Leslie Warren, to Approved ADJOURN PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE BOARD at 5:05 p.m.

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CALL JOINT MEETING TO ORDER at 5:07 P.M.

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

JOINT AGENDA

**23-0280** Accreditation & Reporting Specialist Edith Ruiz presented an update on

**23-0281** the 2023 McKinney Board & Commission Member appointments for the MCDC and PROS Boards.

**23-0282** Consider/Discuss Project Updates and Priorities for Funding

President of MCDC Cindy Schneible provided a presentation on Strategy Priorities for Project Grant Funding priorities and updates on Cotton Groves, District 121 and incoming restaurants, TUPPS Brewery including a Build Your Own Business and Community Teaching Garden projects. Parks & Recreation Director Michael Kowski gave an overview of the volunteer program presented at the TRAPS conference, tree plantings, DORBA and the impact on the Parks system.

Parks Planning & Development Manager Jenny Baker provide updates on the Trails Master Plan and current and future trails projects. Parks Superintendent Marty Sillito provided an update on Erwin Park.

Project Updates and Priorities for Funding were presented by Director Kowski. Previous projects funded by MCDC included park improvements at Central Park, Murphy Park, McKinney Greens Park, Finch Park, Mill Will Craig Park, Robinson Ridge Park, Towne Lake designs, and trails sweeper. Potential projects for consideration of funding are Trails, Towne Lake Dog Park, restrooms, and parking lots at Erwin Park, Gray Branch Park improvements and Park Safety Improvements. Other project updates included the indoor tennis center opening soon, Craig Ranch Soccer complex, Al Ruschhaupt Park, Oak Hollow Golf Course, Sports Complex Property, Bonnie Wenk playground, Tinker Taylor Park signage.

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Ryan Mullins gave a presentation on potential kayaking rental station at Towne Lake and AED station installations within McKinney Parks & Open Spaces. An update was also shared on the McKinney Armed Services Memorial Board Veterans Time Capsule at the Veterans Memorial.

Director Kowski provided an update on the playground donation program with Project Playground. Playground equipment is removed from parks in McKinney and donated. The first reinstall has been completed in Zambia, Africa. McKinney has donated additional playgrounds which will soon be installed in other locations. Other Park updates were provided on Murphy Park, Robinson Ridge, Central Park, Erwin Park and Towne Lake Lighted Forest and Dog Park. MCDC and PROS board members discussed how to prioritize the projects.

JOINT MEMBER COMMENTS

Deidre Woodard from Visit of McKinney provided updates on improvements at Visit McKinney and upcoming events.

ADJOURN JOINT MEETING at 7:14 P.M. Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Samuel Franklin, seconded by Board member Windy Gallagher, to ADJOURN JOINT MEETING.

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

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

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LUANNE MALNORY  
Chairman

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KARA DICKSON  
Meeting Clerk