



Parks and Open Space Board Meeting
March 23, 2021
7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
and by Video Conference
City Hall – 665 Country Club Road, Lucas Texas

MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairman Rhoads called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Parks Board Members Present:

Chairman David Rhoads
Vice Chairman Bill Esposito
Member Kenneth Patterson
Member Christel Parish
Alternate Member Laura Giles

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
City Secretary Stacy Henderson
Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak

Parks Board Members Absent:

Member Tommy Dewitt
Alternate Member Pam Poteete

City Council Liaison Present:

Councilmember Tim Baney

Chairman Rhoads determined that a quorum was present, and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

1. Provide an update on the City's upcoming special events.

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak provided an update on the following events:

- Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup scheduled on Saturday, April 3, 2021
- Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding scheduled on Saturday, April 3, 2021
- Movie in the Park scheduled on Friday, April 9, 2021
- Founders Day scheduled on Saturday, May 8, 2021

There was no action on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

2. Provide an update on the Lucas Farmers Market.

Bill Esposito, Chairman of the Farmers Market Committee provided an update regarding farmers market activities noting that 70 vendors had signed up for various markets throughout the year and the Committee was determining voids in the market to actively recruit those types of vendors. Mr. Esposito discussed the new addition of a donation booth at the market this year that would benefit area food pantries.

There was no action on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

3. Consider planting a wildflower area in the City of Lucas and dedicate an area for family pictures.

Parks Board Member Laura Giles discussed the proposal of planting a wildflower area for families to take pictures and enjoy. Ms. Giles stated that the wildflower area could be part of the Keep Lucas Beautiful program and free seeds were available from the Ag Extension office in McKinney.

The Parks Board asked Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn to identify park adjacent properties where wildflower areas could be planted.

4. Provide update regarding the facilitation of a Master Volunteer List.

Parks Board Member Ken Patterson suggested an update be provided at each meeting of how many individuals had signed up to volunteer and then further determine needs for various events.

There was no action on this item, it was for discussion purposes only.

5. Receive reports from Parks Board members regarding the Adopt-a-Park Program, review the park facility checklist for each park, and alternate park assignments amongst the members.

Parks Board Members Ken Patterson, Bill Esposito, and Chairman Rhoads provided an update regarding areas needing improvements from their assigned park they inspected.

The Parks Board suggested sending inspection reports to City staff, including Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn and City Manager Joni Clarke, along with pictures to assist in identifying areas that needed improvements.

Chairman Rhoads noted that he would put together a list of parks and assign Parks Board members to a rotation between each park to assist in identifying areas needing improvements.

6. Consider review of Parks Board projects, goals and objectives established by the project matrix.

The following items were removed from the Parks Board Project list:

- Beekeepers club
- Allen ISD FFA
- Recycling promotion
- Potluck community events
- Christmas lighting contest
- Create a dog park
- Scarecrow contest

The following items were added to the list:

- Promotion of agricultural events or tours
- Seminar on how to build a chicken coop
- Starting a vegetable garden

7. Consider future agenda items for action or discussion to be added to the Parks and Open Space Board Agenda.

- Volunteer list update
- Agritourism
- Adopt-A-Park Program update
- Budget items to be considered for FY 21/22

8. Consider approval of the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Parks and Open Space Board meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Esposito, seconded by Mr. Patterson to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Parks and Open Space Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously by 5 to 0 vote.

9. Adjournment.


MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Esposito, seconded by Mr. Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVE:



 David Rhoads, Chairman

ATTEST:



 Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

