



Parks and Open Space Board Meeting
July 28, 2020
4:00 p.m.
Video Conference
City Hall – 665 Country Club Road, Lucas Texas
Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Rhoads called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Parks Board Members Present:

Chairman David Rhoads
Vice Chairman Bill Esposito
Member Kenneth Patterson
Member Tommy Dewitt

Staff Present:

City Manager Joni Clarke
Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn
City Secretary Stacy Henderson

Parks Board Members Absent:

Alternate Member Christel Parish
Alternate Member Lynne Dodson

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

1. **Consider approving the minutes of the January 28, 2020 Parks and Open Space Board meeting.**

MOTION: A motion was made by Chairman Rhoads, seconded by Mr. Patterson to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously by a 4 to 0 vote.

2. **Discuss Movie in the Park to be tentatively held in the fall 2020.**

Vice Chairman Esposito stated that the fall event was cancelled, and they would have the event in the spring.

There was no action taken on this item.

3. Provide an update regarding the 2020 Farmers Market and consider appointing a Chairman to the Lucas Farmers Market Committee effective January 1, 2021.

City Manager Joni Clarke updated the Board on the latest farmers market operations explaining that the Committee had determined stages within to operate during the COVID-19 emergency. Currently, the market was operating at a Stage 3 which consisted of a drive-through market. Ms. Clarke stated that a new farmers market committee chairman was needed and a member of the parks board to serve in that capacity was needed.

Vice Chairman Esposito stated that he would talk to Joni further about the responsibilities of the market and Mr. Patterson suggested that he could co-chair the market to disburse tasks.

This item will be placed on the September 2020 agenda for further discussion. There was no formal action taken on this item.

4. Provide an update regarding the Public Lands Trail Cleanup event with the Trinity Trail Preservation Association and the United States Army Corp. of Engineers scheduled for September 26, 2020.

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak stated that last year was the first year the City participated in this event and over 100 volunteers attended. The event aligns with the Keep Lucas Beautiful program and is currently scheduled for September 26, 2020 from 9 am to 1 pm. Kona ice will be participating in the event along with the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center.

This item was for discussion purposes only.

5. Discuss the Arbor Day event tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2020.

Vice Chairman Esposito stated that this event could be a drive-through event if needed. Tree saplings have been ordered and mulch will also be given away. The Master Gardeners will not be at this event.

This item was for discussion purposes only.

6. Discuss the Country Christmas event scheduled for December 4, 2020.

Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak stated that this event is still scheduled at this time and is set for December 4 from 6 pm to 9 pm. In and Out Burger will provide 900 meals to the public and amenities such as the ice-skating rink and train ride will be secured. The Farmers Market holiday market will also take place during this event.

This item was for discussion purposes only.

7. Provide update regarding the Trails Master Plan.

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn stated that the firm Lakes Engineering had been hired to update the Trails Master Plan along with the City's mapping system. The scope of the work will include identifying easements and defining future trails. Mr. Hilbourn stated that was a long-term project that would take approximately 12 months.

This item was for discussion purposes only.

8. Consider future agenda items for action or discussion to be added to the Parks and Open Space Board Agenda and consider cancelling the November 24, 2020.

The following items will be placed on the September 22 Parks Board Agenda:

- Arbor Day event
- Movie in the Park
- Parks Board Matrix
- Assign a park to a Parks Board member

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Esposito, seconded by Mr. Patterson to cancel the November 24, 2020 Parks Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a 4 to 0 vote.

9. Adjournment.

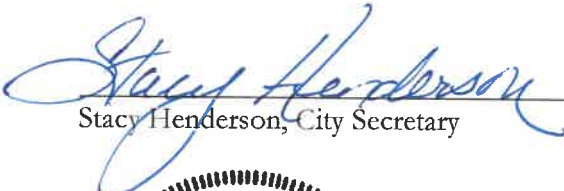
MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Chairman Esposito, seconded by Mr. Patterson to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 4 to 0 vote.

APPROVE:



David Rhoads, Chairman

ATTEST:



Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

