



City of Lancaster  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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**MEETING**

**LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, March 17, 2014, 6:15 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Members of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. at the Lancaster Recreation Center (Grand Hall), 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, TX 75134.

**Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:** Abe Cooper, Willene Watson, Spencer Hervey, Mary Sykes, Darwin Isham, and Cecelia Rutherford

**Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Absent:** Jerry Giles

**City Staff Present:** Parks, Recreation, and Library Services Director Sean Johnson, Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore, Park Superintendent Mike Rasco, Library Manager Jerry McCulley, and Administrative Secretary Cynthia D. Williams

**I. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Willene Watson called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

**II. Consider Approval of Minutes (February 17, 2014)**

Mrs. Sykes made a motion seconded by Mr. Hervey to approve the minutes of February 17, 2014 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Cleo Hearn Equestrian Trail Update (Parks, Recreation, and Library Services Director Sean Johnson)**

Mr. Johnson reported that the Equestrian Trail Dedication Ceremony took place on Friday, February 28, 2014 at Bear Creek Nature Park. It was a very good event. The Dallas Morning News came out, took pictures, and featured Lancaster in the Metro Section. A Reception took place in the Grand Hall immediately following the Ceremony. At the Ceremony, attendees viewed a Documentary created by Former Board Member Coy Poitier; "Cowboys of Color: A Multi-Cultural Legacy" which won Best Short Documentary Film of the Year. Staff will make sure each Board Member receives a personal copy of the Documentary. Mr. Johnson also stated that Mr. Hearn gifted a saddle to the Texas State Auxiliary Museum in Lancaster.

**IV. Adopt-A-Spot Update (Park Superintendent Mike Rasco)**

Mr. Rasco reported that Staff provides opportunities for our citizens through our Adopt-A-Spot Program. The Adopt-A-Spot Program is a joint effort between our Parks and Recreation Department and residents to keep our right-of-ways and neighborhoods clean and beautiful. This Program allows residents, businesses, clubs and organizations to display their pride and commitment to the community. He stated that we are in the process of reviewing and updating the Program.

There was further questions/discussion.

**V. RBI Youth Baseball Update (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)**

Mr. Moore reported that last spring Parks and Recreation began competing in the RBI League. We connected with Major League Baseball (MLB), and also partnered with the Texas Rangers. He stated that on March 7, 2014, Staff attended the MLB RBI National Conference at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas and told the RBI story through our eyes. The presentation was entitled, "RBI from the Ground Up". On Wednesday, March 12, 2014 Staff received an email to participate in the 2014 MLB All Star Game's Jr. RBI Classic in Minneapolis, MN in July 2014. The 12U team will attend the All Star Game, Home Run Derby and represent Lancaster and the Texas Rangers. MLB will sponsor travel, uniforms and equipment for this event.

There was further questions/discussion.

**VI. Spring/Summer 2014 Special Events Calendar (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)**

Mr. Moore highlighted a couple of our upcoming events. On Saturday, March 15, 2014 we hosted a March Madness Block Party at Rocky Crest. This event included Derby races, Pitch Hit and Run, and program demos. He also highlighted Spring Trash Off, Baseball Opening Day, Egg Hunt/Fun Run, Camp Out Trail Appreciation, Annual Volunteer Recognition, Cinco de Mayo, Mother/Daughter Tea, Derby Day, BSW Juneteenth Celebration, and our Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

There was further questions/discussion.

**VII. 2014 Spring Bear Creek Nature Park/Mud Run Request (Parks, Recreation, and Library Services Director Sean Johnson)**

Mr. Johnson reported that Staff received a late request to participate in another Mud Run. Originally, we were introduced to the Mud Run through the Police Officer's Association in memory of fallen Officer Craig Shaw. After careful review and consideration, the City will not partner with the Mud Run organizers. We will; however, continue to partner with the Lancaster Police Officer's Association.

Mr. Johnson also reported that on that day, April 5, 2014, Oncor will implement an "Earth Day Clean Up" at Bear Creek Nature Park. They will install plant material, and seasonal color to entrance sign beds at various park locations. The event will start at 7am with breakfast and deploy at 8am to the various work sites.

There was further questions/discussion.

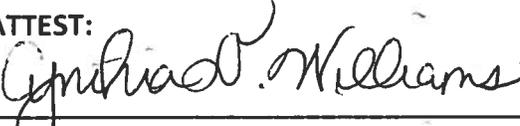
**VIII. Set Agenda of Next Meeting (May 2014)**

- Juneteenth Activities Update
- Youth Baseball Update
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Plans/Update
- Derby Day Information/Update
- Oncor "Earth Day" Update

**IX. Adjournment**

Mrs. Rutherford made a motion seconded by Mr. Cooper to adjourn. All present approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Cynthia D. Williams, Administrative Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Willene Watson, Vice Chair  
Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board