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MEETING

LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 12, 2014, 6:30pm

MINUTES

The Members of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Lancaster Recreation Center (Classroom), 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, TX 75134.

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

Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Absent: Spencer Hervey

City Staff Present: Managing Director; Quality of Life and Cultural Services Sean Johnson, Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore, Park Superintendent Mike Rasco, Library Manager Jerry McCulley, and Administrative Secretary Cynthia D. Williams

I. Call to Order

Chair Jerry Giles called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

II. Consider Approval of Minutes (March 17, 2014)

Ms. Watson made a motion seconded by Mrs. Sykes to approve the minutes of March 17, 2014 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Volunteer Recognition Reception Update (Managing Director; Quality of Life and Cultural Services Sean Johnson)

Mr. Johnson extended a thank you to those that could attend the Volunteer Recognition Reception, which took place Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Each Boards and Commissions member received a Certificate along with a Bola Tie. He stated that we had a great turnout. Our Speakers were Tim and Terrance Madden, founders of the Two-Wins Foundation.

There was further questions/discussion.

IV. Youth Baseball Update (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)

Mr. Moore reported that our young athletes had an opportunity to partner with Major League Baseball (MLB), and the Texas Rangers. The 11-12U team will play in an All Star Game in Houston, TX on May 30, 2014. All of the young athletes had to try out and four of our kids made the team. Our Athletics Division will send four players and one coach to the Game. Mr. Moore also stated that the 11-12U team would also go to Minneapolis, MN in July 2014.

V. Oncor "Earth Day" Update (Park Superintendent Mike Rasco)

Mr. Rasco reported that on April 5, 2014, Oncor employees and their families volunteered to plant 1500 flowers and landscaping greenery to celebrate Earth Day in Lancaster, Texas. They helped us by planting seasonal color at eight of our park locations, including Lancaster City Hall, Bear Creek Nature Park, and the City's community center. Fifty people came out to volunteer their services; putting in about 220 man hours and about \$2000 worth of plants.

There was further questions/discussion.

VI. Derby Day Update (Managing Director; Quality of Life and Cultural Services Sean Johnson)

Mr. Johnson reported that we are collaborating with The Chocolate Mint Foundation to present a Derby Day in the City of Lancaster. We will show a live broadcast of the last run of the Kentucky Derby. We will have food highlighted at the Kentucky Derby, a miniature croquet match, as well as a Hat Contest. The event will take place on June 7, 2014, 3p-7p at the Community Park – Helen Giddings Amphitheater.

There was further questions/discussion.

VII. Juneteenth Update (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)

Mr. Moore reported that Staff is excited about the BSW Juneteenth Celebration. This year, the event will take place on June 14, 2014, 5p-9p, Armstrong Park (100 James Collins Boulevard), in Duncanville, Texas. This is a free event open to the public. It will include live music, food, and merchandise vendors, bounce houses, and face painting. We will have local talent leading up to the Headliner.

There was further questions/discussion.

VIII. July 4th Update (Managing Director; Quality of Life and Cultural Services Sean Johnson)

Mr. Johnson reported that the July 4th Celebration will take place at Lancaster Community Park on Friday, July 4, 2014 beginning at 6pm. We will have fireworks, games, vendors, food, and live music.

Plans have been finalized for the July 4th Celebration. Staff will give more information at our next meeting.

IX. Set Agenda of Next Meeting

- RBI Update
- July 4th Update
- Juneteenth Celebration Update

X. Adjournment

Mr. Isham made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson to adjourn. All present approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

ATTEST:



Cynthia D. Williams, Administrative Secretary

APPROVED:



**Jerry Giles, Chair
Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**