



City of Lancaster  
QUALITY OF LIFE AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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**MEETING**

**LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, June 16, 2014, 6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

The Members of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Monday, June 16, 2014 at 6:30pm 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, Mary Sykes, Darwin Isham, Jerry Giles, Spencer Hervey, and Cecelia Rutherford

**Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Absent:** None

**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 6:54pm.

**II. Consider Approval of Minutes (May 12, 2014)**

Mr. Hervey made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson to approve the minutes of May 12, 2014 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Johnson reported that Derby Day took place on June 7, 2014 at the Helen Giddings Amphitheater at Lancaster Community Park. It was a good turnout. The City partnered with a non-profit organization, "The Chocolate Mint Foundation" on this event. Our Board Chair had a croquet match set up; we had live entertainment, a hat contest, Kentucky Derby food, and a few horses that were showcased.

There was further questions/discussion.

**IV. Juneteenth Celebration Update (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)**

Mr. Moore reported that we celebrated Juneteenth at Armstrong Park on Saturday, June 14, 2014 in Duncanville, Texas.

Mr. McCulley reported that members of the Best Southwest Bookfest committee attended and worked the Bookfest at the D.L. Hopkins Senior Center in Duncanville, Texas. The Bookfest included 25 local authors, a writer's workshop and two key-note speakers: Mary Monroe and Ilyasah Shabazz. The public enjoyed meeting and hearing from the authors and seeing their latest work. Members of the committee noted that local authors said they enjoyed getting to network with other authors and to display their books, which were on sale for the general public.

There was further questions/discussion.

Mr. Moore continued to report that the Celebration took place from 5p-9p. We had good entertainment, a variety of vendors, and a good turnout.

#### **V. RBI Update (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)**

Mr. Moore reported that on May 30, 2014 members of the RBI traveled to Houston for an All Star Game. We scored a couple of runs, but did not win. The Team received recognition by the Texas Rangers that evening. In addition, we had our Spring RBI Swim Party.

Mr. Moore stated that members of the team will receive recognition by our City Council at their June 23, 2014 City Council Meeting. Staff encourages the Board Members to attend the City Council presentation. Staff will also recognize them on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Moore reported that all the final plans have been made for the additional All Star Game to Minneapolis, MN in July 2014.

There was further questions/discussion.

#### **VI. July 4<sup>th</sup> Update (Managing Director; Quality of Life and Cultural Services Sean Johnson)**

Mr. Johnson reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is set. We will have a variety of entertainment this year. We have a violinist, Wess Morgan, and two R & B Bands. We look for a huge turnout. Banners will go up next week.

There was further questions/discussion.

#### **VII. Set Agenda of Next Meeting**

- RBI Youth Baseball Update
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Update
- Youth Sports Association Update

#### **X. Adjournment**

Mrs. Sykes made a motion seconded by Mrs. Rutherford to adjourn. All present approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

**ATTEST:**

*Cynthia D. Williams*

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Cynthia D. Williams, Administrative Secretary

APPROVED:

*Jerry Giles*

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Jerry Giles, Chair

Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board