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MEETING

LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 18, 2015, 6:15 p.m.

MINUTES

The Members of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Monday, May 18, 2015 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, Jerry Giles, Darwin Isham, Mary Sykes, Willene Watson, Spencer Hervey, Cecelia Rutherford, and Terrence Comick

Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Sean Johnson, Managing Director, Kevin Moore, Recreation Superintendent; Mike Rasco, Park Superintendent; Raquel Hewitt, Library Manager; Darnell Bolton, Recreation Supervisor, and Cynthia D. Williams, Administrative Secretary

I. Call to Order

Chair Jerry Giles called the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Consider Approval of Minutes (March 16, 2015)

Mrs. Sykes made a motion seconded by Ms. Watson to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015 of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with two corrections in Agenda Items IV and V. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Golf Tournament Update (Craig Shaw Foundation) – Sean Johnson, Managing Director

Mr. Johnson reported that the Craig Shaw Memorial Foundation (CSMF) will host their Golf Tournament on May 29, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at the Country View Golf Course. This was previously held by the Sherriff Department; however, has been given to Ms. Shaw. The CSMF generously purchased the turkeys that were given away at the Turkey Bowl this past November. We will be a continued partner with them.

There was further questions/discussion.

IV. Spring Special Events Update – Kevin Moore, Recreation Superintendent

Mr. Moore reported that the last few months we have had an exciting time and a good deal of programming going on in Parks and Recreation. He presented a PowerPoint highlighting our Spring Special Events to include: Open House, Wind Down Wednesday, Bunny Hop Fun/Run Egg Hunt, LISD Boys Basketball State Championship Celebration, Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception, Cinco de Mayo, and Mother/Daughter Tea; and Upcoming Spring Event: Family Camp scheduled for May 23 – 24, 2015.

V. Spring Athletics Update – Darnell Bolton, Athletics/Aquatics Supervisor

Mr. Bolton provided an update on Winter/ Spring Basketball to include partnering with the Texas Grassroots Basketball organization and hosting an NCAA sanctioned AAU Boys Basketball Tournament on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Mr. Bolton gave an update on the 2015 Lancaster Tiger Sharks Swim Team goals. The first summer competition will be our TAAF Circuit Swim Meets held on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

Mr. Bolton also provided an update on the Lancaster Soccer Association and the Lancaster RBI Baseball Association.

There was further questions/discussion.

VI. Juneteenth Update – Kevin Moore, Recreation Superintendent

Mr. Moore reported that the Juneteenth Celebration is right around the corner. This year's host is the City of Cedar Hill and it is going to be a Juneteenth Arts and Music Festival on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The Headliner Band for the Main Event will be the Dazz Band with the Lead up Band being Memphis Soul. They plan to have a lot of arts and crafts booths, bounce houses, and a lot of activities.

VII. 4th of July Celebration Update – Sean Johnson, Managing Director

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the 4th of July Celebration to be held in Desoto, TX. The event will be held at Meadow Creek Park in Desoto. More information, we will forward that to the Board.

There was further questions/discussion.

VIII. Playful City USA Discussion – Sean Johnson, Managing Director

Mr. Johnson gave a report on the Playful City USA which is a national recognition program sponsored by Humana Foundation honoring cities and towns that champion efforts to make play a priority through establishing policy initiatives, infrastructure investments, and innovative programming. To be honored as a Playful City USA demonstrates significant collaboration among nonprofit partner's foundations, municipal agencies, the business community, and local civic groups. We are a prime candidate for that. To be a candidate for Playful City USA the city must exhibit mayoral or local governmental leadership on the cause of play. Some of the cities in Texas that are a part of Playful City USA include, Grand Prairie, Mesquite, Rowlett, The Colony, Alamo, Arlington, Austin, Balch Springs, and Alvin. The deadline has passed for 2015, but we wanted to get this information before the Board now in an effort to be prepared to apply in 2016.

There was further questions/discussion.

IX. Set Date and Agenda of Next Meeting

- **Date of Next Meeting: June 15, 2015**
- **Spring Athletics Update**
- **Juneteenth Update**
- **4th of July Celebration Update**
- **Playful City USA Update**
- **Summer Activities Update**

X. Adjournment

Mrs. Sykes made a motion seconded by Mr. Hervey to adjourn. All present approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Cynthia D. Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Jerry Giles, Chair
Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board