



**City of League City Parks Board
February 6, 2020 - 10:00 am
Civic Center, 400 W. Walker Street
League City, Texas**

MINUTES

1. Call to order and roll call of members

- Chair Gareth Nenninger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Present: Gareth Nenninger, Yvonne Tibai, Angela Mertens, Fred Growcock, Sandra Kelly
- Absent: Jay Williams, Evan Lips
- Others present: Director of Parks and Cultural Services Chien Wei, Councilman Larry Millican, Councilman Greg Gripon, Parks Planner/Project Manager Bob Duke, Parks Coordinator John Orsag, Parks Recreation Superintendent Kenny Walsh, Senior Administrative Assistant Helene Freia

2. Citizens request for hearing before the Parks Board

- None present

3. Consider and take action on approval of minutes: December 3, 2019

- Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sandra Kelly and seconded by Yvonne Tibai. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Introduction of newly appointed board members

- Gareth welcomed new members Angela Mertens and Fred Growcock to the Board and expressed that he is looking forward to working with both.
- Mr. Growcock has been a resident of League City for 4 years and is a member of the Lions Club.
- Ms. Mertens has been a resident of League City for 19 years and is a member of the Board of Directors for League City Proud.

5. Consider and take action on appointment of Board Officers

- Sandra Kelly made a motion to re-elect Gareth Nenninger as Chair and Yvonne Tibai as Vice Chair. Angie Mertens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Staff update of grant applications

- Coastal Management Program Grant - \$200,000 grant has been awarded for the FM270 and Kansas Street canoe/kayak launch sites. Funds will become available October 1, 2020.

- TPWD Boating Access grant for FM270 Boat Ramp and Kayak launch – grant status is pending until USACE permit and other environmental permits are in place.
- TxDOT Safe Routes to School – staff received notification February 1, 2020 that grants were not awarded.
- TPWD Outdoor grant for Bay Colony-Phase 1 – grant application was submitted by staff December 4, 2019 and is under review. Award notification is expected by May 28, 2020 with funding available in Fall 2020 if approved.

7. Staff update on CIP projects

- TxDOT FM 518 Bypass Hike & Bike – 100% plans are in review with TxDOT construction let date of April 2020.
- Nature Center Pond Bank Stabilization – Construction is awaiting GLO permit which is anticipated in early Summer 2020. Design has been approved by TPWD.
- Nature Center Prairie Restoration – Land clearing of invasive trees and seeding was completed November 2019. TPWD has informed staff that erosion control issues need to be addressed and staff will continue to monitor and communication on next steps.
- Hometown Heroes 5K Loop & Obstacle Course/Dog Park – Completion of design is anticipated mid-February due to addition of dog park. Amendment to the design agreement to add obstacle course was presented to City Council and approved January 14, 2020. A public meeting will be scheduled
- Hometown Heroes Park Restrooms – City Council awarded the construction contract December 17, 2019. A pre-construction meeting will be held on February 6, 2020.
- League Park Renovations – The park will be closed to the public on February 5, 2020 at which time renovations will begin.
- Bay Colony-Phase 1 - Staff and City Manager John Baumgartner met with a consultant from TBG concerning having an agreement ready for review by City Council on February 25, 2020. A ground survey will be done concerning wetlands delineation sometime during the summer. Environmental studies indicate that environmental remediation will be minimal.

8. Staff reports

- October 2019 City Survey – Parks and Recreation statistics: 87% satisfaction rating for maintenance of City parks; 84% satisfaction rating for the quality of park facilities; 75% satisfaction rating for the quality of amateur athletic programs; 72% satisfaction rating for the quality of outdoor athletic fields.
- City Council Strategic Planning – a public meeting will be held on February 8, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The survey will be used as a tool to help determine what areas of City services can be improved.
- Town Hall meeting – the meeting is scheduled for February 29, 2020 at Hometown Heroes Park from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Upcoming park projects, renovations of existing parks, and new recreational programs will be discussed.

- TRAPS Gold Medal Award – The award will be presented at the annual TRAPS Institute and Expo in Galveston on February 27, 2020. The award recognizes League City for the best Parks and Recreation Agency in the state of Texas for the population category of 75,000-200,000.
- HGAC Honorable Mention Award for Countryside Dog Park – the award will be presented on February 14, 2020.

9. Members comments

- Sandra made a request for staff to present a chart/spreadsheet reflecting grants applied for over the past two years, to include grant names, projects, and grant status.
- Board members made a request to schedule a representative from TPWD to attend a future board meeting for a discussion concerning grant processes and award determination factors.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Garet L. Nenninger, President