



**City of League City Parks Board  
June 18, 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 10:02 a.m.
- Present: Gareth Nenninger, Yvonne Tibai, Sandra Kelly, Jay Williams, Fred Growcock, Robert Duzan, Angela Mertens
- Others present: Director of Parks and Cultural Services Chien Wei, City Councilman Larry Millican, City Councilman Greg Gripon, Parks Planner/Project Manager Bob Duke, Deputy City Attorney Michelle Villarreal, Information Technology Administrator Michael Brashers, Senior Administrative Assistant Helene Freia

**2. Citizens request for hearing before the Parks Board**

- David Johnson, a member of the League City Emergency Turnaround Taskforce, gave a brief explanation of the taskforce's mission to develop a plan addressing League City's economic recovery from the impacts of COVID 19. The taskforce provides resources and guidelines to local businesses to aid in the development of safe re-opening procedures and policies.

**3. Consider and take action on approval of minutes:**

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

**4. Parks and Recreation re-opening report**

- Hometown Heroes Park re-opening procedures and guidelines
  - a. Modified hours
  - b. Front door entry only
  - c. Masks required in common areas (restrooms, lobby, hallways)
  - d. Temperature screening
  - e. Removal of all seating in lobby
  - f. Pre-registration required for all programs
  - g. Cleaning and sanitizing between all program sessions
  - h. Senior lunches are offered curbside only.
  - i. Classes are limited participation.
  - j. Summer camp limited to 50 participants, broken up into groups of 10.

- Hometown Heroes Park Pool, Walker Pool
  - a. Pools will be open to the public beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Capacity will be limited to 30 people per pool.
  - c. Time is limited to 1-1.5 hours per person.
  - d. Swimming lessons start June 15<sup>th</sup> and classes are full through the end of July.
- Youth Organizations
  - a. Practices started on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Games will start on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Playgrounds, basketball rims, the Hometown Heroes Park splash pad, and senior programs have not been reinstated at this time.

## **5. Staff update on current and planned grant applications**

- TPWD Outdoor Grant for \$750,000 for Bay Colony – Phase 1
  - a. Application submitted December 4, 2019
  - b. Award notification expected August 2020
- General Land Office Coastal Management Program for kayak launches at Kansas Street and Hwy 270 boat ramp
  - a. Notification received on February 5, 2020 of funds available and project will begin October 1, 2020
  - b. Project under review by NOAA
  - c. Expected availability of funds October 1, 2020
  - d. Expected project completion time is 18 months.
- TPWD Boating Access Grant for \$500,000 for Hwy 270 boat ramp and kayak launch
  - a. Application submitted October 2, 2018
  - b. Grant approved as pending on July 22, 2019 and moved forward to USFWS for review and possible approval in the first of second quarter of FY 2021.
- TPWD Outdoor Grant for \$750,000 for Bayridge Park & Hometown Heroes Park
  - a. Application deadline – November 1, 2020
  - b. TPWD approval – Summer 2021
  - c. Project will attempt to capture grant funds for project elements in both parks that are not funded under current budget items.
- TPWD Boating Access Grant for \$500,000 for Myrtle Park/Landing Boulevard Kayak Launch Construction
  - a. Application deadline – October 1, 2020
  - b. TPWD approval – Spring 2021
  - c. Project will be designed under a contract with Burditt Associates.
- TPWD Trails Grant for \$200,000 for Claremont Trail extension to Gilmore Elementary School
  - a. Application deadline – February 1, 2021
  - b. TPWD approval – Spring/Summer 2021

- c. Project will provide the connection that one of the Safe Routes to Schools grants would have carried out.

## **6. Staff update on the Hometown Heroes 5K Loop, Obstacle Course, and Dog Park**

- Bob Duke presented TBG's construction drawings for the 5K Loop, Obstacle Course, and Dog Park project.
- Board members and staff asked questions and discussed the various features of the project.
- Construction drawings are expected to be finalized by the end of August with project going out for bid in September.

## **7. FY2021 Budget Update**

- Chien informed board members that departments had recently met with the budget director and City Manager to review the proposed FY 2021 budget. The Parks and Cultural Services City Council Workshop session is scheduled on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 with time and place to be determined.
- Park Operations has two new budget item requests submitted for approval:
  - a. Ventrac compact tractor plus attachments
  - b. Kubota 4-seat RTV with dump bed
- Recreation has two new budget item requests submitted for approval:
  - a. Reclassification/position upgrade from Recreation Specialist to Recreation Supervisor
  - b. Replacement of Hometown Heroes Park existing dance floor/stage with solid red oak

## **8. Staff update on pending projects**

- The Fireworks Extravaganza will be held at CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a drive-in event with limited capacity to allow for social distancing. Gates will open at 7:00 p.m. and the fireworks will start at 9:00 p.m. There will be no vendors.
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> event at Hometown Heroes Park will be a drive-thru caravan experience. Vendors will be set up along the way throughout the parking lot. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Staff will be giving out snow cones, Whataburger vouchers, and gift bags. There will also be a car decorating contest.
- Lynn Gripon mountain bike trail – the project will be contracted out for design. RFQs for all City-wide consultants for all disciplines were received in May and are currently under evaluation. Staff anticipates having the list before City Council for approval in July.
- Citizens holding youth sports tournaments at City parks/facilities without a user agreement in place will be given a Misdemeanor Class C citation and fined up to \$500. The change to the Parks Ordinance was passed at the City Council meeting on June 9, 2020.
- The Parks Board presentation to City Council is scheduled for July 28, 2020. The presentation will be available for board members to review at the July Parks Board meeting.
- The next Parks Board meeting will be held via videoconference (Zoom) on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

## **9. Members comments**

- Board members expressed concerns over the citizenry following social distancing guidelines at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event. Chien stated that he would pass on their concerns to the City Manager and Communications department.

## **10. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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Garet L. Nenninger, President