



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 16th, 2021

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held via Zoom on February 16th, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Clay Perry and seconded by Lorraine Haynes.

Attendees

Jordan Williams (staff)
Erin Hamilton (staff)
Clay Perry
Yvette Isaacs
Lorraine Haynes
Sue Bankston
Barbara Manning
Stacy Shatterly
Randy Brantley
Milady Meadows (non-member)
Tad Hardy

Approval of minutes

Lorraine made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17th, 2020 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Randy Brantley, ayes by all.

Staff Updates – Jordan Williams, Interim Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on the following:

- **Senior Popcorn Drive Thru:** January 19th was National Popcorn day so we celebrated with the senior citizens driving through and receiving a bag of popcorn and drink. This was our second senior drive thru and the popcorn one was much more successful than our first one. We had around 25 people come through.
- **Senior Valentines Drive Thru:** Was on Friday February 12th. We had 112 seniors sign up. There were 105 seniors that showed up to get their meals. We had tents up in the parking lot in case of the rain. We gave out a boxed lunch from McAlister's, drink and good bag. The Mayor, Town Manager, Councilwoman Davis and the new police chief were in attendance to help serve the seniors. It was great to see many of the seniors who we have not seen in a year.
- **reCREATE Grab N Go Kits:** We have continued to offer the free grab n go kits. Our social media presence has increased greatly with these posts. Parents are loving the kits. We have themes such as Winter, Safari, Olympics, Transportation, and two Valentine Bags.
- **Events Update:**

- Virtual Trivia: We held our first virtual trivia on Friday January 22nd. Erin used a website called Kahoot to create the Disney question rounds. It had a Jeopardy theme to it. We did it through Zoom and shared the screen. We had 8 teams sign up. Everyone had a great time.
- Valentines Scavenger Hunt: ran from Feb 1-14th. It rained almost the whole two weeks. We had 10 families participate and announced the 3 winners on Feb 15th. The hidden word spelled out Cupid.
- Classes held: We were able to have monthly paint classes, two cookie classes a month, and several kids' art classes through Arts Delivered.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Virtual Trivia: Harry Potter themed on Friday February 26th. We plan to use the same Kahoot platform we did in January.
 - Drive Thru Bingo: We plan to have a drive-in bingo on March 13th. We will do it the same as we did in the Fall. The cars will park in the parking lot facing the medium shelter. We are not sure which time frame to do. 12pm=2pm or 1pm=3pm.
 - St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt: We plan to do another hunt from March 1-17. We hope we have better weather than the Valentines hunt.
 - Senior Drive Thru: We plan do have monthly senior drive thrus. The next one will be on March 4th.
 - Easter Drive Thru: Since we cannot have an Easter Egg Hunt, we will do another drive thru for Easter. The parents will have to register for this event so we know how many bags to get ready.
- **Potential Budget Items:** Jordan is asking for these items in the 2021-2022 budget: Heaters in Lake Park restrooms, Gutter upgrade to shelter and stage, extending/paving lower parking lot, Outdoor fitness equipment, Fireworks for symphony and Fall Fest.
- **Park Board Bylaws:** Erin and Jordan provided everyone with copies of the bylaws. We want to make the board more structured with year terms. The board is getting more popular and we have more interest from residents wanting to join. Currently we have the full 9 members. Starting July 1, 2021, we want to stagger the two-year terms with the current board members if they wish to stay on. We are also going to enforce the absence rule in the bylaws. Each member must be present in meetings 75% of the time.
 - **Voted to amend the bylaws:** 3-year terms voted to change to 2-year terms. Clay motioned, And Yvette seconded. Ayes by all. Unanimous decision.
- **PCAA/Jack Hughes Update:** PCAA started their Spring 2021 registration at the beginning of January. They plan to start their seasons at the beginning of March. They are going to require all players, coaches, and spectators to wear masks at all times.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Lorraine asked how are we going to control the symphony numbers since we normally have a huge crowd for it. Will people have to reserve seats? Will staff be taking tickets and checking people in? Barbara mentioned that people could listen from Jack Hughes parking lots. She can hear it from her house which is very close to the Jack Hughes. Stacy suggested streaming it live on Facebook or Instagram.
- Randy asked Jordan when he would know if his position will be permanent or not. Jordan doesn't have any dates but hopes after the budget meetings are over.

- Randy asked for clarification on which parking lot we want paved. The smaller one down by the playgrounds off of Lake Drive. We want the flat grassy area paved for more parking and space for events.
- Barbara thanked us and complimented the staff on how well we have worked throughout the pandemic.

Adjourn – Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Yvette seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.