



Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board Minutes

After determining that a quorum of the City of Denton, Texas, **Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board** is present, the Chair of the Board thereafter convened into a regular meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:09 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room at 321 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Chair Alana Presley Taylor, Vice Chair George Ferrie and Members Frances Punch, Denona Lee, James Gordon Emerich, David Shuck, and Jerry Dooley

Absent: None

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Consider approval of the minutes of May 17, 2021.

Member Lee moved to adopt the item as presented and Emerich seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Chair Alana Presley Taylor, Vice Chair George Ferrie and Members Frances Punch, Denona Lee, James Gordon Emerich, David Shuck, and Jerry Dooley

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (1): Member David Shuck

B. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Trails Concept Map for future identification, renovation, and expansion of facilities and trails.

Emerich moved to recommend approval of the Trails Concept Map for future identification, renovation, and expansion of facilities and trails and Punch seconded. Motion carried.

Member David Shuck arrived at approximately 6:40 PM.

AYES (7): Chair Alana Presley Taylor, Vice Chair George Ferrie and Members Frances Punch, Denona Lee, James Gordon Emerich, David Shuck, and Jerry Dooley

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (0):

C. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff input regarding improvements to Industrial Street Park involving the installation of the Denton Women's Interracial Fellowship Monument.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.



Taylor suggested natural grass over synthetic turf. In addition, Taylor recommended that the turf should be sustainable and recyclable material. Lastly, Taylor suggested for staff to speak with the Sustainability Council or Committee for expertise on comparisons on turf and natural grass.

Ferrie moved to recommend approval of the Trails Concept Map for future identification, renovation, and expansion of facilities and trails and Emerich seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Chair Alana Presley Taylor, Vice Chair George Ferrie and Members Frances Punch, Denona Lee, James Gordon Emerich, David Shuck, and Jerry Dooley

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (0):

D. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff input regarding the naming applications for parks and trails as submitted by residents, local developers and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

- The Board recommended for staff to heavily promote the naming.
- The Board also recommended staff's proposal of the trail theme.
- The Board recommended two (2) community meetings and (1) special called Park Board meeting.

Ferrie moved to recommend approval of staff nomination regarding the ten (10) trail names and Shuck seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Chair Alana Presley Taylor, Vice Chair George Ferrie and Members Frances Punch, Denona Lee, James Gordon Emerich, David Shuck, and Jerry Dooley

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (0):

Ferrie moved to recommend approval of staff's timeline to hold a total of two (2) community meetings to gather feedback from the public, and (1) special called Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board for City Council's review and approval. Member Punch seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Chair Alana Presley Taylor, Vice Chair George Ferrie and Members Frances Punch, Denona Lee, James Gordon Emerich, David Shuck, and Jerry Dooley

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (0):

E. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding shade structure options in park facilities and updated playground shade specifications.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, there was no direction provided as the item was for presentation purposes only.

F. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Leisure Services programs, events, facilities, and divisional updates.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Taylor requested more information on afterschool care for future Board meetings.

Following discussion, there was no direction provided as the item was for presentation purposes only.

G. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the Denton Parks Foundation events, fundraising, and grant opportunity updates.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Punch suggested to include the smaller events.

Taylor commented to include non-alcoholic options.

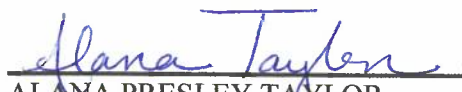
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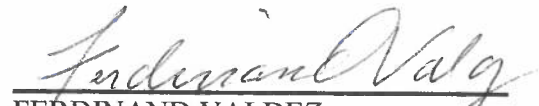
2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Request:

- Punch – City website update regarding the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board members.
- Punch – Recognition of service for Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board member Kent Boring.
- Ferrie – Park Tour estimated for September.
- Taylor – Report on accountability for sport teams leaving trash behind on the field.

Adjournment: 8:57 PM


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CHAIR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS


FERDINAND VALDEZ
MANAGEMENT ANALYST
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON:

July 12, 2021