

**CITY OF ROCKPORT
MINUTES
SWIMMING POOL OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3:30 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2019
Parks Department Office
402 E. Laurel, Rockport, Texas**

On the 22nd day of July 2019, the Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee convened at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks Office located at 402 E. Laurel, and notice of meeting, giving time, place, date and subject, was posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Section 551.041.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.D. Villa-Chairperson
Rick Martinez, City of Rockport Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Carol Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Riekers, Community Aquatics & Skate Park Manager
Bonnie Bullis

1. Call Meeting to Order.

With a quorum of Committee Members present, the Meeting of the Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:31 pm by chair J.D. Villa on July 22, 2019, at the Parks Department Office, 402 E. Laurel, Rockport, Texas.

2. Citizens to be Heard.

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Committee may not discuss or take action on any items that have not been posted on the agenda.

3. Introduction of Wendy Laubach, newly appointed pool committee member.

This item was skipped because Wendy Laubach was not in attendance.

4. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2019.

MOTION: Committee Member Martinez introduced a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the April 22, 2019 minutes as written. Committee Member Thompson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

5. Hear and deliberate on third quarter financial report April 2019 through June 2019.

Mr. Riekers made mention that the financials totals for admission is down around 15% and concession is down 16%. He stated looking at sign in sheets and there are less residential visitors and more out of town visitors. Chairperson J.D. Villa mentioned if the fact of the beach

still with debris and not fully operational last year could have an impact on attendance for the pool this year now that they are open. Mr. Riekers stated the visiting families are involved in short day trips and that could be what the Aransas County residents are involved in as well. Mr. Martinez stated the pool attractions located in Corpus Christi, Texas could be affecting the attendance numbers as well. Mr. Riekers stated there are four instructional classes offered and the intake in revenue has increased in that area. Mr. Martinez stated he has a meeting with the finance director and with past financial reports always held back the city transfer until the end of the budget year. This year, the finance director added the city transfer to the pool budget in this budget quarter which will make the numbers look bad until the pool revenue catches up at the end of the year. But it will be a better way to see how much the city is contributing each quarter.

6. Hear and deliberate on Friends of the Pool Report, including fundraising plans and special programs.

Bonnie Bullis stated the Friends of the Pool hosted a lifeguard appreciated dinner. She also stated that she was asked to represent the Friends of the Pool by Cisco Wilson. She stated that the Friends of the Pool were in a temporary financial pinch, but that they were looking to continue to apply for grants to build up funding. Mrs. Bullis stated that there was a communication issue. Mr. Martinez stated there was a meeting with friends of the pool with a confusion on a credit with friends of the pool. There were swim lessons that were signed up during the free lesson times offered and when the pool heard of the money that was not coming in to the friends of the pool, they stopped signing people up. Mr. Riekers stated they did not turn people away if they came with the free swim lesson cards, that the pool just ate the cost because the friends of the pool ran out of money. Mr. Riekers stated to have a condition with the free swim lessons in order to limit the amount of people who are offered the lessons or passes. Council Member Thompson seconded the idea of conditions with the free swim lessons and passes. Chairperson Villa suggested creating a contract with the Friends of the Pool, in order to keep the agreement within the two organizations. Mr. Riekers stated with Friends of the Pool being a non profit you can not call it a contract but rather a written agreement for a better understanding of communication between the two organizations.

7. Hear and update on shade structure to be installed over the Splash Pool slides.

Mr. Martinez stated the shade structures are still not up. The shade items were and will be purchased through the Castaway's grant. The organization that was creating the shade structures dropped the ball and the structure was not completed. Mr. Martinez stated for now, there will be temporary shade installed and will be there until the new shade structure is completed and purchased.

8. Hear and deliberate on Aquatics Manager Operations Report, including staffing, equipment and facility maintenance, special events and programs.

Mr. Riekers stated the staffing at the pool has created less accidents at the pool than ever before. There are many compliments on the professionalism of the guards and there are a few negative comments from citizens, but they include enforcing rules. Mr. Riekers stated there were two guards with water rescues. Mr. Martinez stated there were more, with a junior guard that has a

water rescue as well. Mr. Riekers then stated there were six guards with water rescues and there was the head guard who paid for further education with pool operations. There are three recertification of junior guards that came back from last year and three new ones who took the class, but they have been working at different pools. Mr. Riekers stated the outreach with junior guards coming to the Rockport Pool to be trained and start volunteering at other local pools is amazing. He also stated that this year they really asked the junior guards to come volunteer at crucial times which really helped. The Friends of the Pool also have an incentive program for the junior guards to complete hours at the pool. Mr. Riekers stated the special events that are scheduled include a summer night swim from 6:30-9:30pm with concession stand available. Mr. Riekers stated there is a Back to School Splash with local businesses sponsoring and donating prizes to the students that show up to the event. He mentioned there will also be another night swim at the pool as a fundraiser for Aransas County Crime Stoppers to get exposure. He also stated the Doggie Dunk and Halloween Festival that will be planned further into the year.

9. Hear and deliberate on FY 2019-2020 budget.

Mr. Martinez stated that budget talks are currently underway. Mr. Martinez also stated that the system for balancing water quality had been switched to try and minimize costs. Mr. Martinez stated the pool revenue has been down, so it is hard to request more funding for pool operations.

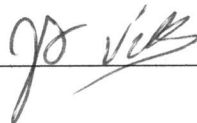
10. Hear and deliberate on items for inclusion on next agenda.

Items for inclusion include introducing a new commissioner on the Pool Committee – Wendy Laubach and changing prices on annual passes and adding new seasonal passes.

11. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 28, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks Department Office located at 402 E. Laurel St.

**SWIMMING POOL OPERATIONS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



J.D. Villa, Chairman

Parks and Leisure Services
Pool Committee Meeting Attendance Chart

Visitors Attending

Date: July / 22 / 2019

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

- 1) Bonnie Sullivan
- 2) [Signature]
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
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Parks and Leisure Services
Meeting Attendance Record
Pool Committee Members

Date: July / 22 / 2019

Pool Committee Members Attending this date:

- 1) JD ~~Vink~~
- 2) Carol Shauger
- 3) Rex Hattner
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____