

**CITY OF ROCKPORT
MINUTES
SWIMMING POOL OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3:30 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2020
Parks Department Office
402 E. Laurel, Rockport, Texas**

On the 27th day of January 2020, 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
Lynn Baskind

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Riekers, Community Aquatics & Skate Park Manager
Brittany Elkins
Cisco Willison
Mike Oakley

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 3:33 pm by chair J.D. Villa on January 27, 2020, 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.

Mike Oakley asked if the pool will be closed this coming Tuesday.

3. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019.

MOTION: Committee Member Baskind introduced a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the October 28, 2019 minutes as written. Committee Member Martinez seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

4. Hear and deliberate on 2019-2020 First Quarterly Budget Report.

Mr. Martinez mentioned a few discrepancies on the pool entry fee line item and the class revenue line item. He stated the income was not coded correctly and the pool office personnel will be

looking to correct the fees and make current the accounts. He then stated the base pay increase of \$20,000 to accommodate the charges for services by the parks maintenance crews. This will show the true labor cost at the pool. Mr. Martinez stated the utilities and electricity line items were also of concern which will they will be looking into issues as to why such increase. Pool Manager Joe Riekers stated the pool has not been filled any more than usual and the new heater should be more cost effective. Chairperson Villa asked if there was a leak. Mr. Martinez replied they will be checking with utilities and comparing consumption reports. Committee Member Baskind asked if the new heater could be the culprit with it being more effective and on longer than the previous one in place. Mr. Riekers stated the pool was open for an hour less during the winter, there are motion detectors that help reduce the use of the lights. Mr. Martinez then stated there is an increase in the maintenance line item. This increase is being used currently for deck repairs needed at the pool.

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

Committee Member Baskind stated they have received two grants in total around \$18,000. One from Castaways and the other from the Coastal Bend Foundation. The current plans for the organization is going for the HEB grant. There are no plans for special events with the focus on the budget of their current accounts being handled and appropriated by Cisco. The top priorities are 6th grade swim lessons, sacred heart and the private lessons.

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

Mr. Martinez stated the issues with the shade structures have been getting quotes. He stated they are close to receiving all the required quotes and picking the vendor they will get to purchase and possibly install.

7. Deliberate and act on offering summer and winter passes and setting rates.

Mr. Riekers stated the passes were overdue to be split up. The summer and fall passes were eliminated and the annual pass was offered. The patrons of the pool have suggested numerous times to be able to have an option for a summer or winter pass since the majority of the users are winter Texans. The proposed difference is not much more than the total annual pass. Committee Member Baskind made the motion to accept the proposed prices of the Summer Pass at \$150 and the Fall Pass as \$150 as listed in the Pass Registration form. Committee Member Martinez seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

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 no loss or gains, but there are more adult employees than ever before. There is better communication, advice and opinions amongst each other as well as with the park's maintenance crew. He stated there are interdepartmental meetings which allow for sharing of information within the whole department. Mr. Riekers stated there is trouble with hiring guards and they will hold a guard class during spring break.

He also stated there are three guards receiving lifesaving awards and the American Red Cross convention this February as well as one junior guard that will be receiving a merit award. He stated the special events coming up with be the Valentine Day two for the price of one swim and the Doggie Dunk on February 15th. Mr. Riekers also stated the maintenance for the chemical service has proven beneficial in saving money. The chemicals are automated, and the pool staff still checks regularly and notifies the company if they need any work done to satisfy the chemicals at the pool. He stated they worked within the employees and well as hiring an outside source to remove the spots on the bottom of the pool. There is concrete repair being done to the pool now to raise the deck. There will be an increase in maintenance which will generate more staffing that will be on the clock as the times change and the pool usage increases. He stated the pool will continue to work on staffing more guards.

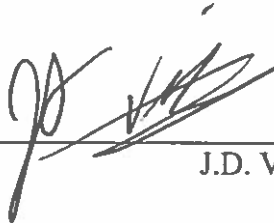
9. Hear and deliberate on items for inclusion on next agenda.

Maintenance, update on utilities and electricity issues, and castaways grant request items.

10. Adjournment.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 27, 2020, 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
Meeting Attendance Record
Pool Committee Members

Date: January / 27 / 2020

Pool Committee Members Attending this date:

- 1) Lynn Baskind
- 2) ~~Michael O'Leary~~
- 3) ~~Robert~~
- 4) Paul J. Smith
- 5) JP Vink
- 6) _____
- 7) _____

Parks and Leisure Services
Pool Committee Meeting Attendance Chart
Visitors Attending

Date: January / 27 / 2020

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

- 1) Mike Oakley
- 2) Cisco Willison
- 3) Brittany Blum
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