

**CITY OF ROCKPORT
PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**6:00 p.m., Monday, July 26, 2021
Parks Department Office
402 E Laurel, Rockport, Texas**

On the 26th day of July 2021, the City of Rockport Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board met at 6:00 p.m. at the Parks Department Office, 402 E Laurel, Rockport, Texas, and notice of meeting, specifying time, place, date and subject, was posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code, § 551.041.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Rodriguez
Ray Garza
Jenny Vander Pluym
Karen Rester

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick Martinez-Director of Parks & Leisure Services
J.D. Villa-City Council Liaison
Brittany Elkins
George Bennett
Ed Devine

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

The meeting of the City of Rockport Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board was brought to order by the Chair, David Rodriguez, at 6:00 p.m., on July 26, 2021, who noted the presence of a quorum of members.

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 Board may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda.

Regular Agenda

3. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021.

Board member Garza motioned to approve the May 24, 2021; regular meeting minutes as written. Board member Vander Pluym seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

4. Hear and deliberate on update of planned park events.

Ms. Elkins stated the July Movie in the Park will be held Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 8:30pm at Memorial Park. The movie shown will be "Raya and the Last Dragon" and there will be free popcorn and 150 free Kona Ice snow cones. She also stated there are two upcoming events planned for August. August 12th will be Summer Sounds – Music at the Park from 7-8:30pm with the entertainment to be determined. August 19th will be Movie in the Park at 8:30pm with the movie to be determined. Ms. Elkins then shared the Little Bay Labor Day Music Festival free Friday Concert will be the Spazmatics held on September 3rd. She also mentioned Tropical Christmas is always in the planning phase and will continue to work on the details.

5. Hear and deliberate on future plans and upgrades for all parks.

Mr. Martinez stated the department is looking into purchasing movie in the park equipment and building a movie stand. He referred to George Bennett to which he stated the idea of building the frame out of pipe. City Council Liaison J.D. Villa asked if there was a way to ask the businesses that are frequently used to see if they would sponsor the materials to build the screen. Mr. Martinez replied he would look into it. Mr. Martinez also stated he spoke with the city manager to see if we would be able to display the sponsorship on a continuous manner. Ms. Elkins replied that was possible to do and we would work on putting something together. Mr. Martinez also stated the Disc Golf personnel have expressed interest in adding nine more holes to the current course which would extent into the back portion of Memorial Park. He stated they would put together a proposal for the Parks Board and use the same fund-raising ideas they used previously to fund all the equipment. Mr. Martinez then stated he would like to add some individual stations to the fit court like they have at the Blue Wave Inn hotel. He noticed they are holding up well with the elements and will be looking into prices and hope to have them installed by the end of the year. Board Member Vander Pluym mentioned the Fit Court and all the equipment being hot during the day and if there was any talk about adding shade. Mr. Martinez replied he was looking into the cost for canvas shade structures for over the Fit Court and would probably be a budget request or possibly getting a sponsor. Mr. Martinez then stated there will be fiber going into Memorial Park for cameras and lighting being pulled to the Skate Park and Fit Court, since Memorial Park is open until 11pm, and there needs to be lights for the patrons to utilize the features when the sun goes down. He also stated there will be upgrades to the roads and parking lots in the park.

6. Hear and deliberate on future plans and upgrades for all parks.

Items to include on the next agenda are update on events to include tree events and Tropical Christmas, and cancellation of November and December meetings.

6. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD



David Rodriguez / Chairman



Ray Garza / Vice- Chairman

Parks and Leisure Services
Meeting Attendance Record
Parks Advisory Board Members

Date: July / 26 / 2021

Board Members Attending this date:

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Ray Bero

2)

David Rodriguez

3)

Karen Bester

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Parks and Leisure Services
Parks Board Meeting Attendance Chart
Visitors Attending

Date: JULY / 24 / 2021

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

- 1) Brian Ekins
- 2) GEORGE BENNETT
- 3) Ed Devine
- 4) Rick Martinez
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