

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING | MARCH 4, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. VISITOR AND CITIZEN FORUM

At this time, any person may address the board or governing body, provided that an official 'Speaker's Request Form' has been submitted to the secretary prior to the start of the meeting. All comments must be directed towards the body as a whole, rather than individual members or staff. All speakers must limit their comments to the subject matter as listed on the 'Speaker's Request Form.' No formal action can be taken nor discussion held regarding these items.

IV. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Sonora Park Activities
- B. Town Center Park Activities
- C. National Park Service Trail Planning
- D. Bond Package
- E. Prime Baseball Update

V. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. Consider approval of January 8, 2020 meeting minutes.

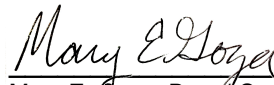
VI. DECISION ITEMS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the March 4, 2020, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board next to the main entrance of the City Hall building, 405 Municipal Drive, of the City of Kennedale, Texas, in a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and said agenda was posted at least 72 hours preceding the schedule time of said meeting, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Mary E. Goza, Board Secretary



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - A.

SUBJECT

Sonora Park Activities

ORIGINATED BY

Larry Hoover, Public Works Director

SUMMARY

The City purchased 500 trout that were stocked in January by the Texas Wildlife department. Texas Wildlife returned in February and stocked the pond with an additional 800 Rainbow trout.

KidFish will be held at Sonora Park on May 16, 2020. Bark in the Park?

KKB board will set up a table to pass out information about KKB and it's programs such as Simple Recycle and Adopt A Spot.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - B.

SUBJECT

Town Center Park Activities

ORIGINATED BY

Larry Hoover, Public Works Director

SUMMARY

KKB is creating a new Coker Rock Children's Garden behind the library. This garden will be utilized by KKB and the Library for an Open Space Learning Center program that is being developed by the Library with KKB board member participation.

Concert in the Park scheduled for October- updates from Jeff?

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - C.

SUBJECT

National Park Service Trail Planning

ORIGINATED BY

SUMMARY

Staff has been working with the National Park service to build a stakeholder group to help design and find funding to develop our trail plan as indicated in the Park Master Plan. The city received a grant for the assistance we are receiving from the National Park service to complete this project. Staff and our representative from the NPS has met with other local professionals to gain insight and opinions from those professionals at the North Central Texas Council of Governments offices(NCTCOG) last week and will be meeting with other landscape and engineering professionals in April to continue the process of developing the trail system for the City of Kennedale.

All of the professionals at the last meeting were impressed with the plan and look forward to seeing the plan develop and implemented. I will keep you apprised of the developments as they occur and inform you of any opportunities to participate. This could be a project that gets funded through the bond program.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - D.

SUBJECT

Bond Package

ORIGINATED BY

Larry Hoover, Public Works Director

SUMMARY

The Park projects that you have been reviewing for a possible bond issuance have been sent to the Finance Director for a discussion with the City Council. The projects listed below were all included for the discussion and not prioritized in any order at this time. The reason they were not prioritized is staff has received only one list from the board and Council wants to discuss the use of bonds throughout the city and all departments. Once the council decides how they want to proceed and the agreement with Prime, KYA or anyone else is completed staff will know how to approach the projects in an effective presentation.

Concession, restroom, meeting and storage building design; \$525,000**

Grass football field for practice; \$460,000*

Grass football field with lights, scoreboard and goal posts; \$657,000*

New grass baseball field; 446,000*

Existing two baseball field turf improvements; \$175,000**

Splash pad Improvements; \$40,000 (2 big squirts and resurfacing of concrete play area)

Playground fall protection for all parks;

Rubber mulch;

DuraSAFE rubber playground tiles;

Shade structures throughout the park system; \$25,000 (\$4000 to 8000 depending on size)

Railroad themed Park development; \$ 1,500,000 for full concept construction

National Fitness Campaign installation; \$ 200,000, with a chance of a small grant

*Love property lease with option to buy; \$? (will be necessary for new ballfield and football field expansion!)

****Depends on possible Prime agreement, may not be needed!**

RECOMMENDATION

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STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - E.

SUBJECT

Prime Baseball Update

ORIGINATED BY

SUMMARY

Staff has been working with Prime baseball to agree to terms on an agreement to lease the ballfields in Sonora Park. Emails have exchanged information on the costs and lengths of various lease options. It has been verified that the ballfields were built utilizing Texas Parks and Wildlife grant funds. The grant states that the city must maintain the ballfields in perpetuity or risk losing any future funding. The fields could be deemed substandard or outdated; however the terms of the grant states if we apply for the determination the city must then remove all of the improvements.

The grant also states that the fields shall be retained for public use and any contracts for use must be reviewed and approve by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Staff has contacted Prime Baseball to schedule a meeting to discuss the agreement, at the time of this report I have not received a confirmation of a date or time for this meeting. It would be inappropriate to discuss the contract or terms until an agreement is agreed on and staff can present the agreement to the Board with a recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1.	Ballfield grants email	Ballfield grants email.pdf
2.	Local Park Grant Program Responsibilities	Local Park Grant Program Responsibilities.pdf

Larry Hoover

From: Matthew Fougerat <Matthew.Fougerat@tpwd.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Larry Hoover
Subject: Kennedale City Park 48-000473

Hi Larry,

I couldn't locate the file for the Kennedale City Park 48-000473 in our digital records. To get the file I will need to request it from our file archives which can take a few days.

That being said, I can likely answer your question without the file. It is possible for a Select League to lease the fields. However, and this is a big however, the lease cannot be exclusive. The public must also have the opportunity to access and utilize the fields. For example, the City and the Select League could agree to a lease where the Select League has exclusive use of the fields on certain weekdays, and select weekends for tournaments, while any other days not under lease must remain available for public use and reservation. In short, the crux of the issue is that public access cannot be unreasonably infringed upon.

Additionally, we also request the opportunity to review the lease prior to execution to make sure it does not infringe on public access. And finally we would request a copy of the lease so we can add to our files.

Please let me know if you would like us to request the file from the archives. And feel free to follow-up if you have any additional questions.

Regards,
Matt

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LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM

RETENTION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

RETENTION AND USE

Property acquired or developed with grant assistance shall be retained and used for public recreation. Any property acquired or developed shall not be converted to other than public recreation uses without Department approval. Such approval will be given only with the substitution of other properties of at least equal fair market value and equivalent usefulness, quality, and location. Conversion Guidelines are available in Appendix N.

CHANGES IN RECREATIONAL USES

The recreational use of property developed with program assistance may not be changed from that approved when assistance was obtained, unless prior approval is obtained.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Property acquired or developed with program assistance will be operated and maintained as follows:

1. The property will be maintained as attractive and inviting to the public.
2. Sanitation and sanitary facilities will be maintained in accordance with applicable health standards.
3. Properties will be kept reasonably safe for public use.
4. Buildings, roads, trails, and other improvements will be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime to prevent undue deterioration and to encourage public use. It is not necessary that assisted improvements be maintained in perpetuity. Once assisted improvements have exceeded their estimated lifetime, or they are no longer economically feasible to operate or maintain, they may be demolished as long as the area remains in use for public recreation and prior Departmental approval is received.
5. The facility will be kept open for public use at reasonable hours and times of the year.
6. Property which includes natural area, wetland, or open space dedication should be maintained to preserve the original characteristics of the area which were suitable for these designations. This might include restrictions on development, mowing, drainage, landscaping, intensity of use, or other considerations which could affect the habitat or species within these designated areas.

AVAILABILITY TO USERS

Non-Discrimination: Property acquired or developed with program assistance shall be open to persons regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap. Discrimination on the basis of residence, including preferential reservation or membership systems, is prohibited, except to the extent that reasonable differences may be charged on the basis of residence. The requirements for posting this information and text are available in this section.

Reasonable Use Limitations: Participants may impose reasonable limits on the type and extent of use of the areas and facilities acquired or developed with program assistance when such a limitation is necessary for maintenance or preservation.

Additional on-going commitments include, but are not limited to:

1. All property acquired and/or developed with fund assistance must remain dedicated in perpetuity and be used only for public recreation, with the exception of leased lands which may revert to other uses upon lease expiration;
2. No overhead utility lines may be installed;
3. The project area(s) must be open to the public and utilized for public recreation, free from discrimination pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
4. The project area(s) must be maintained so that it is safe, attractive, and inviting to the public.
5. A permanent program acknowledgement sign or plaque must be installed and maintained at all project sites;
6. Periodic post completion inspections by Department staff will generally be unannounced, and are intended to ensure that program compliance continues after the project is completed. The sponsor may be asked periodically to participate in post completion self-inspection at the request of the Department. Sponsors who fail to comply with long-term program commitments may jeopardize future eligibility for funds for new projects and/or be subject to legal actions by the state and/or federal government to enforce program compliance.



STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: MINUTES APPROVAL - A.

SUBJECT

Consider approval of January 8, 2020 meeting minutes.

ORIGINATED BY

Mary Goza, Administrative Assistant

SUMMARY

RECOMMENDATION

Approve

ATTACHMENTS

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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2020
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

I. CALL TO ORDER

Larry Hoover called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Ann Beck, Kenneth Michels, Phil Wallace, Jeremy Johnston **Absent:** David Deaver, Jeff Nevarez, Gary Swan

III. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM

IV. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Discuss and consider future bond proposal items

1. L. Hoover presented the board with a spreadsheet that they could use to prioritize/rank the possible bond project items that had been identified so far. He had filled one out so the board members could have an example of how to use the sheet. He stated that the board members could each fill one out and he could take that input along with his own input and present the board with a list of recommendations to be presented to City council.
2. J. Johnston asked how the board could make a recommendation to city council to cancel the current KYA contract.
3. J. Johnston discussed an offer Prime Baseball made to him after the last board meeting whereby Prime Baseball offered to pay the city \$40,000 to rent the baseball fields for 5 months. J. Johnston could not understand why this offer had been declined.
4. A. Beck asked if renovating the ballfields is actually the best use of whatever funding may be available. She pointed out that in a survey completed for the Park Master plan under "things you want more of" baseball ballfields were 7% and football fields 0.9% that people wanted more of. Whereas trails were 51%, picnic areas were 34%, playgrounds were 40%. Everything was ranked higher than ballfields. So she feels that the demand is not there to support a large expenditure on ballfields. She stated that it seems like there are a lot of others areas that would be better to spend money on like trails, nature areas, playgrounds and picnic areas. P. Wallace agreed that nobody would probably use the fields that aren't already using them now and felt that it probably is not a good idea to put a lot of city money in to renovate the fields.
5. J. Johnston stated that spending the money on the splash pad would be a better idea. P. Wallace agreed that the splash pad is very popular with a lot of people.
6. There was a discussion about the disc golf course in Sonora Park and the possibility of expanding it in the future and possibly having a disc golf tournament.
7. L. Hoover stated that R. Taylor had taken pictures of the new scoreboards at the ballfields and these were included in the agenda packet. Board members stated that they liked the new scoreboards.

V. MINUTES APPROVAL

Consider approval of minutes from December 4, 2019 regular meeting. **Motion to:** Approve December 4, 2019 minutes. **Action:** Approve **Moved By:** A. Beck **Seconded:** J. Johnston

Motion Passed: Unanimously

VI. DECISION ITEMS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

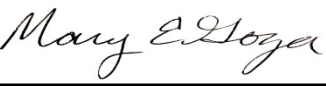
Motion to: Adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm **Action:** Adjourn. **Moved By:** K. Michels **Seconded:** P. Wallace

Motion Passed: Unanimously

Approved:

David Deaver, Chairman

Attest:



Mary Goza, Park Board Secretary