

**CITY OF SANTA FE
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2024 5:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chairperson Rebecca Martinez.

Roll Call: Present: Chairperson Rebecca Martinez
 Board Member Bill Pittman
 Board Member Mike Winburn
 Board Member Jeannie Thielemann
 Board Member Joanne Woolsey
 Board Member John Murello

 Absent: Board Member Chris Bozeman, excused

The Invocation was given by Board Member Pittman, who then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag.

Citizens' Comments:

Chairperson Martinez thanked outgoing members Bill Pittman, Joanne Woolsey, and Jeannie Thielemann for their many years of service to the Santa Fe Park and Recreation Board.

Business:

New Business:

1. Discussion and direction: Involvement and duties of Park and Recreation Board members for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Chairperson Martinez stated that the Easter Egg Hunt has been spearheaded each year by Board Member Woolsey, and with her departure, the Board will need to get direction on how to proceed.

Board Member Woolsey stated that traditionally, the Board provides 6000 plastic eggs to Santa Fe High School for a group of students to stuff with candy on the Monday preceding the Easter Egg Hunt. She said that she provides pizzas to the students as a token of appreciation.

Board Member Woolsey advised that the Easter Egg Hunt is divided into several age groups:

- 0 – 1 year old – 500 eggs
- 2 – 3 years old – 1500 eggs
- 4 – 5 years old – 1500 eggs
- 6 – 7 years old – 1500 eggs
- 8 – 10 years old – 1000 eggs

Board Member Woolsey added that she generally keeps approximately 400 eggs as a backup for latecomers or for children who didn't find many eggs. She also said that the golden eggs are added to prize bags. She also said that she purchases the plastic eggs at Walmart, which has historically been less expensive than other stores.

Board Member Woolsey stated that the City of Santa Fe usually provides the signs for each age group and the breakaway ribbon, adding that two rolls of the ribbon per age group will be needed.

Board members will need to arrive at Joe A. Tambrella Park by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the event, Saturday, March 23, 2024, to start decorating, dropping stakes, and distributing the eggs.

Board Member Pittman will dress up as the Easter Bunny and will arrive at 9:00 a.m. for photos between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The City has the Easter Bunny suit. Santa Fe Fire & Rescue will provide a fire truck to sound the siren to signify the start of the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

Board Member Pittman said that he will contact Santa Fe Police Chief Walter Braun to schedule traffic mitigation.

Request for Future Agenda Items

Community Services Director Georgia Carmack advised against scheduling any future events until the Santa Fe City Council appoints the three new members to the Park and Recreation Board. Ms. Carmack stated that there are three applications on file and that the deadline to accept applications to fill the Board vacancies is January 31, 2024, adding that City Council will be appointing the new members at the February 8, 2024, Regular Meeting.

Agenda items for the next meeting on February 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. include:

- Park and Recreation Board member shirts
- Touch-a-Truck event
- Plans for Behringer-Tully Field
- Galveston County Animal Resource Center (ARC) adoption event

Motion by Board Member Pittman to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



Georgia Carmack, Community Services Director



Rebecca Martinez, Chairperson