## Santa Fe Parks and Recreation Board

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

August 22, 2022, 5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers 12202 HWY 6 Santa Fe, TX 77510

## **MINUTES**

- 1. Rebecca Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call:

Joanne Woolsey, present

Jeannie Theilemann, present

Rebecca Martinez, present

Bill Pittman, present

Chris Bozeman, present

Mike Wilburn, present

Becky McClain, present, City Liaison

- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Bill Pittman gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Citizen/Guest Comments: Rusty Shroeder was present with interest in joining the board.
- Presentation and Approval of Minutes: Bill Pittman made a motion to approve minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting and Chris Bozeman seconded. Motion to approve minutes as presented passed unanimously.
- 6. Discussion Comments- Old Business / Events
  - a. There was no status update from city staff on Texas Parks grant.
  - b. Bill gave an update on Runge Park becoming a city park again. County Commissioner's Court stated that they would support maintenance for a year, then it would be a city expenditure. Bill asked the court for support of the maintenance of Runge. The court said they would help the city get grants to support the maintenance. Our new county commissioner is Dr. Armstrong. Improvements need to be made to Runge to include repairs to the open-air arena, playground equipment, sewer. Runge costs the county a \$43,000 deficit every year. \$300k would be needed to repair and update the park. Mike suggested that Bill and he meet Judge Henry to discuss further.
  - c. Fence update at Joe Tambrella Park- It was decided that we would furnish plants to make the barrier instead a fence. Joanne would send a list of plants to choose from. Volunteer Valero project- Rebecca mentioned she would reach out to Paul and ask if they can build a backdrop for the amphitheater. Repairs need to be made to the damaged exercise displays with plexiglass. Bill said he would go look at the damage to see how to fix them.
- 7. Discussion and Possible Action:
  - a. Nomination and appointment of board positions- Chairperson, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer. Rebecca was nominated as Chairperson; Joanne was nominated as Vice chair. Rusty was given an application for the vacant position. Alun instructed the board that the secretary and treasurer positions will be filled by city staff. Bill made a motion to accept the nominations and Chris seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

- b. Discussion of Master plan for the parks board. We need to find out how many parks we should have with the population. Berringer was discussed as a potential acquisition. EDC could acquire land for additional city for parks.
  Becky shared that over 50 people were in attendance to the July theater performance at Joe Tambrella Park amphitheater. An ADA accessible walkway and area needs to be designed and approved from the city engineer.
  Rebecca made a motion to table the master plan discussion. Bill seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. Upcoming events- Heritage Festival November 12<sup>th</sup>. We need to meet with the chamber to decide what our contribution will be at the event. The chamber wants to include a rodeo portion of the event, mutton busting, ranch rodeo.
- d. Christmas in the Park, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm discussion of having community performances such as TNT dance, skateboard performance, Santa Fe sports gymnastics. Event to include Santa Pictures and City Christmas tree lighting. Becky suggested that we light up the park to move the event from the parking lot. Bill suggested to come up with the information for our upcoming events to share on the digital billboard. Clear Channel Billboard gives the city 10-5 day weeks. Becky will ask the live nativity people to see if they can attend. Cost is 200-300 for the live nativity. There were over 75 kids that came last year's event. Bill suggested that Rebecca make a list of responsibilities for each event moving forward.
- e. Discussion of future events- Current events Parks Board hosts included: Easter, Christmas, Heritage festival, child fair. Ideas for future events include Frisbee golf tournament, 3k run, fishing tournament, Movie night. Rebecca made a motion to table the event discussion until next meeting. Bill seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- f. Discussion of spending funds in current budget year for use to purchase plants and landscaping materials for the library and Joe Tambrella Park.
- Schedule future meetings: Rebecca made a motion to schedule the next meeting for September 18<sup>th</sup>. After further discussion it was decided to move the next meeting to September 12<sup>th</sup>. Bill seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

9. Rebecca made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 P.M. Mike seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Rebecca Martinez Chairperson