

**MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Pharr, Texas met on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Johnny Ramos
Frank Nuñez
Oralia Rodriguez
Allen Williams
Mari Caballero
Eduardo Mata
Daniela Zuniga
Rebecca Lizcano*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Lorena Singh*

STAFF PRESENT: *Roel Garza
Sergio Alanis
Cynthia Bernal
Isaac Escobedo
Virginia Rodriguez*

OTHERS PRESENT: *Eddie Tapia
Dr. Kenneth C. Fletcher
Ann Bagley*

ITEM A: CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Johnny Ramos called the meeting to order.

ITEM B: ROLL CALL

Johnny Ramos introduced the item.

ITEM F. STATUS REPORT-SUB-COMMITTEES

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Daniela Zuniga began by informing the board that on behalf of the fundraising sub-committee she had asked Mr. Eddie Tapia to come

and report to the board what a cook-off entails. Mr. Eddie Tapia began by introducing himself, as being Pit Boss for Southern Smoke, and also an assistant regional director for Region 3. He began by informing the board that running a cook-off requires a lot of teamwork as well as the publicity aspect of the event. He added by providing the board a link to the organization as well as informing them that he was willing to sit down with the subcommittee members to discuss figures for a cook-off.

Board member Mari Caballero began by informing the board that she had taken an extensive tour of the Pharr Aquatic Center along with Board member Lorena Singh and Roel Garza, Director of Parks and Recreation.

ITEM E. STATUS REPORT-COMPREHENSIVE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE-ANN BAGLEY

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Mrs. Ann Bagley began by reporting to the board that in developing new goals, they need to be less wordy and more direct than the 2008 Plan Update. New goals might focus on assuring that the parks under development and improvement are completed; improving the appearance and usefulness of parks with native or adapted shade trees. A draft of an 8 goals worksheet was also provided to the board in their packet and discussed. A brief discussion was then held.

ITEM C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Dr. Kenneth C. Fletcher asked that the board promote more native tree planting in the city and added that City Commission would be having the third and final reading for a tree ordinance and that will fulfill all the requirements for Tree USA.

**ITEM D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
DECEMBER 29, 2016-SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2017-REGULAR CALLED MEETING**

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Frank Nuñez made a motion to approve both sets of the minutes. Oralia Rodriguez seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM G. STATUS REPORT- 11TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK, SPRING RECREATION AND DIRECTORS REPORTS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Recreation Division Head Isaac Escobedo began by informing the board that the spring brochure has been distributed to all the schools; classes are to begin February 27. He then gave the board a status report of the 11th Annual 5K Run/Walk. Parks and Recreation Director, Roel Garza reported to the board that grading and excavation

for the parking lot had begun at Jones Box Park and he will have more to report on for the next meeting. He added that P-SJ-A ISD had approved the all the lease agreements for the City/School Parks.

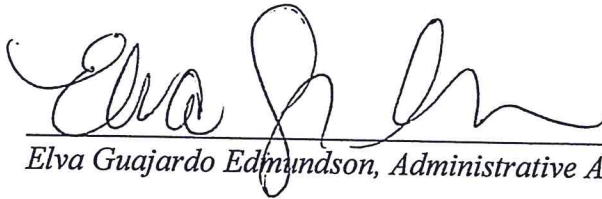
ITEM H: ADJOURNMENT

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. There being no further business, Frank Nuñez moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Daniela Zuniga and the motion carried.

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017, the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Pharr, Texas, convened in a Regular Called Meeting at City Hall, 118 S. Cage Blvd. The meeting being open to the public notice of the said meeting, giving the date, place and subject hereof, having been posted in accordance with chapter 551, Texas Government code (Open Meeting Act) and there being a present quorum, **I Elva Guajardo Edmundson, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant, of the City of Pharr, Texas**, certify that this is true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:



Elva Guajardo Edmundson, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED DATE: 3-2-17