

MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 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, March 2, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Johnny Ramos*
 Frank Nuñez arrived at 6:08 p.m.
 Oralia Rodriguez
 Allen Williams arrived at 5:57 p.m.
 Lorena Singh
 Eduardo Mata
 Daniela Zuniga
 Rebecca Lizcano

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Mari Caballero*

STAFF PRESENT: *Sergio Alanis*
 Elva G. Edmundson
 Isaac Escobedo
 Virginia Rodriguez

OTHERS PRESENT: *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 C: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Dr. Kenneth C. Fletcher proposed a neighborhood nature park and informed the board that Tree USA is progressing smoothly.

**ITEM D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
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Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Daniela Zuniga made a motion to approve the minutes. Oralía Rodriguez seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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 the plan was running smoothly and now she was providing the board with worksheets that entailed the Prioritization of Needs. She informed the board that plan developments requires that priorities be established for five year periods and the board needed to facilitate that requirement. She then asked that the board take these worksheets home to prioritize accordingly and provide them to staff or email them to her no later than March 23, 2017. She also went over the Goals and Actions and informed the board that she added some as well as that they provide the underlying framework for the decision making for the City of Pharr's parks and recreation system. A brief discussion was then held as well the scheduled date for the Community Meeting that will be held Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Lorenzo "Lore" Garcia Park.

ITEM F. SUB-COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Lorena Singh informed the board that she had met with Mr. Roel Garza on the cool deck for the aquatic center and he informed her that he had received two quotes. Ms. Singh then gave the board a status on the beautification of South Pharr gardening with the assistance of Buell students. She added that she also has new volunteers to the program which now consist of 13 volunteers. Board member Allen Williams expressed a concern on the importance of the trees being proposed in the second phase and not the first phase. He is recommending the possibility of planting small trees and irrigation lines that would be require in house staff to water them.

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

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Parks and Recreation Divison Head, Isaac Escobedo gave the board a status report on the 11th Annual 5K Run/Walk that is scheduled for March 18, 2017 as well as the number of participants that are currently attending the spring programs. A brief discussion then took place in regards to the USA Swim program as well as the Learn to Swim program that is scheduled to start registration on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Board member Daniela Zuniga wants the board to revisit the cost of what the City is charging the USA Swim program. Board president Johnny Ramos asked that she meet with her sub-committee and

present it at the next meeting.

Board member Frank Nuñez recommended for the police department to be more present and visible at Dr. Long Park due to the traffic and volume of people. He also recommended a crosswalk be implemented for vehicles parking on the neighborhood side of the park. Mr. Alanis advised that he would relay the recommendations and concerns to the police chief so that he may be present at the next board meeting.

ITEM H: ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ON THE 2ND DAY OF MARCH 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: _____