

**MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Pharr, Texas met on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Johnny Ramos
Frank Nuñez
Oralia Rodriguez arrived at 6:29 p.m.
Allen Williams
Rebecca Lizcano
Eduardo Mata
Mari Caballero arrived at 5:37 p.m.
Mario Guajardo*

STAFF ABSENT: *Mario Lizcano*

STAFF PRESENT: *Sergio Alanis
Roel Garza
Elva G. Edmundson
Isaac Escobedo
Virginia Rodriguez
Juan Guerra
Carlos Bracamontes
J.V. Treviño*

OTHERS PRESENT: *K.C. Fletcher*

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. K.C. Fletcher provided the board a slideshow on how

enhancing the individual nature tourism marketing efforts of South Texas communities increases the awareness that South Texas is the premier destination in the United States for birding and nature.

ITEM D: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 22,2017-REGULAR CALLED MEETING AND JULY 3, 2017-SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Frank Nuñez made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Mario Guajardo seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM J: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON TREE CITY U.S.A. APPLICATION FOR SUBMITTAL-RICARDO RAMIREZ

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Mr. Ramirez informed the board that the Tree City U.S.A. application had been executed for their approval. Mr. Ramirez briefly discussed the benefits of submitting the application and obtaining the Tree City U.S.A. designation. Board member Mario Guajardo made a motion to approve the item as presented. Allen Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM E: INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS: MARIO GUAJARDO AND MARIO LIZCANO

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Director of Parks and Recreation, Sergio Alanis introduced Board member Mario Guajardo to the board. The board welcomed Mr. Guajardo.

ITEM F: STATUS REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Director of Parks and Recreation, Sergio Alanis began by introducing upper management staff to the board, which included the former P.A.L employees. Mr. Alanis briefed the board members on all the new athletic programs that were formally under P.A.L to now be under Parks and Recreation. A board discussion was then held. Board member Frank Nuñez informed staff that they continue implementing the Drug-Free patch for the reason being that it sends a positive message.

ITEM G: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON FORGO NONESSENTIAL ATHLETIC SPORTS CEREMONIES

Johnny Ramos introduced the item and stated that they would deviate and go into closed session. There was no objection. In Accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Gov't Code, The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Hereby Gives Notice that it may meet in a closed (non-public) portion of the meeting agenda. In accordance with the following below. The time being

5:54 p.m., Board chairman Johnny Ramos stated the board would be entering into closed session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Gov't Code to discuss agenda items G and I listed in the public portion of the agenda and Pursuant to Section 551.074.

Johnny Ramos re-introduced the item. Board member Allen Williams made a motion to deny the item. Frank Nuñez seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM I: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY ON PARTNERSHIP FOR WINTER BASEBALL LEAGUE WITH SAN JUAN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Frank Nuñez made a motion to table the item. Mari Caballero seconded and the motion carried.

ITEM K: RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION, AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF NECESSARY ON ANY ITEM(S) DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board reconvened back at 6:32 p.m.

ITEM H: STATUS REPORT-SUMMER RECREATION, AQUATICS, AND ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Recreation Division Head, Isaac Escobedo began by informing the board that the fall programs were running smoothly and the recital was scheduled for December 6. He also provided the board with worksheets that indicated two events the department would be hosting that entailed Movies at the Park on October 28, 2017, at Dr. Long City/School Park, and Kids Day of Play on October 21, 2017, at Lorenzo "Lore" Garcia Park.

Aquatic Supervisor, Virginia Rodriguez began by informing the board that P-SJ-A had ceased conducting the 2nd Grade Learn to Swim Program, and now have Middle School Swimming program. Recreation Division Head, Carlos Bracamontes, also briefed the board on the flag and tackle football programs.

ITEM L: ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ON THE 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2017, the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Pharr, Texas, convened in a Special 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elva Guajardo Edmundson', written over a horizontal line.

Elva Guajardo Edmundson, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED DATE: 11-2-17