

MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 12:00 NOON
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Pharr, Texas met on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 12:00 Noon and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Johnny Ramos*
 Oralia Rodriguez
 Allen Williams
 Mario Guajardo
 Efrain Matamoros
 Mari Caballero
 Ana Chavez

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Eduardo Mata*
 Mario Lizcano

STAFF PRESENT: *Sergio Alanis*
 Roel Garza
 Elva Guajardo
 Isaac Escobedo
 Jennifer Martinez
 Sara Guerra
 Sarah Canizales
 Carlos Bracamontes
 J.V. Treviño

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Board member Johnny Ramos called the meeting to order.

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Oralia Rodriguez made a motion to excuse the absent board members. Allen Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. No public comments.

ITEM 3: ADMINISTRATIVE

ITEM A) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 12, 2018-REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Mario Guajardo made a motion to approve the minutes. Oralía Rodríguez seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B) PRESENTATION ON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Pharr After School Program Supervisor Sarah Canizales began by introducing herself as well as gave a brief overview of the program. She informed the board of what the program consisted of, the cost of each semester, and the twelve (12) Pharr Elementary school sites that the Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting activities at. She added that each site had an After School Program Site Supervisor as well as the After School Recreation Aides.

ITEM C) NEW PARKS UPDATE-SERGIO ALANIS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Parks and Recreation Director Sergio Alanis discussed all on-going parks projects, showing power point slides to update the board with current construction and upcoming future parks. Mr. Alanis gave tentative construction completion target dates for the three parks currently in progress, as well as alluded to ground breakings and ribbons cuttings to come this Fall, 2018. After discussing each park project in detail, the board had minimal questions, expressing their continuous support in being a part of the growth of the Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM D: STATUS REPORT-REGIONAL TRACK MEET

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Recreation Division Head, Isaac Escobedo informed the board that the T.A.A.F Region 2 Track and Field Meet was held on July 6th and 7th at P-SJ-A Stadium. Mr. Escobedo added that this was the first year Pharr hosted the aforementioned meet that was previously hosted by the City of Edinburg the last three years. Mr. Escobedo stated that over 5,000 athletes and spectators attended this two-day event. Mr. Escobedo then began to explain that this meet is the state qualifier for the Games of Texas, that took place from July 26th through July 29th in College Station, TX. Mr. Escobedo then stated that Pharr sent 74 athletes from our programs in track, swim, tennis, and golf to compete at these state games. Pharr brought back 9 gold medals, 14 silver medals, and 10 bronze medals in total.

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

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Recreation Supervisor, Sara Guerra informed the board that summer programs had ended at that the department had 650 participants. Mrs. Guerra informed the board that the Summer Recital took place at the Pharr Events Center on August 1, 2018. Mrs. Guerra added that the the three-day play of Beauty and the Beast too had been very successful.

Athletic Division Head Carlos Bracamontes gave the board a recap on all the summer camps held. He then informed the board that the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Wounded Warrior Project event on Saturday, August 11, 2018 to honor fallen MSG. Rodney Buentello, who passed in the act of heroism. MSG Buentello was a two-time Purple Heart winner, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Athletic Supervisor Javier Treviño informed the board that 14 teams comprised of the P.O.N.Y. Baseball/Softball All-Star teams for the City. He added that nine (9) teams had made it to sectionals, three (3) teams had made it to regionals, and the 12U Bronco team had made it to the final four, where they placed 4th.

Aquatic Supervisor Ivan Archer informed the board that the Gus and Goldie Learn to Swim Program had ended in August, and that the summer water park season would end at month's end as well. Mr. Archer mentioned he was obtaining quotes for maintenance and cosmetic repairs/improvements at the aquatic center.

ITEM B: INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Mrs. Chavez gave a brief background of herself and stated she was looking forward to serving on the board.

ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. There being no further business, Efrain Matamoros moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Mari Caballero and the motion carried.

*STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR*

ON THE 14th DAY OF AUGUST 2018, 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, 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, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED DATE: 9-12-18