MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2018 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 Tuesday, December 12, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	*Johnny Ramos* *Allen Williams* *Mari Caballero* *Eduardo Mata* *Efrain Matamoros* *Ana Chavez*
MEMBERS ABSENT:	*Oralia Rodriguez* *Mario Guajardo* *Mario Lizcano*
STAFF PRESENT:	*Sergio Alanis* *Isaac Escobedo* *Cindy Bernal* *Carlos Bracamontes* *Roel Hinojosa*
STAFF ABSENT:	*Sara Canizales* *Sara Guerra* *Jennifer Martinez* *Sergio Ivan Archer*
OTHERS PRESENT:	*Kenneth Fletcher*

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairman 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 Efrain Matamoros made a motion to excuse the absent board members. Mari Caballero seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2: ADMINISTRATIVE

ITEM A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 10, 2018-REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Eduardo Mata made a motion to approve the minutes. Efrain Matamoros seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B) STATUS REPORT-FALL RECREATION, AQUATICS, ATHLETICS AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Athletic Division Head Carlos Bracamontes informed the board of the department's on going athletic sports that consisted of: Volleyball just concluded with 35 teams, Flag Football just concluded with 28 teams and Girls Basketball just concluded with 18 teams. Mr. Bracamontes advised the board of our 1st Pro-Bowl AFC vs NFC Division Game that would be played to include Pharr, San Juan, Valley View, and McAllen players. Mr. Bracamontes then advised the board that registration for Boys Basketball has was open.

Recreation Division Head Isaac Escobedo informed the board that the Fall Programs had just concluded. Mr. Escobedo thanked Mrs. Caballero for being the Master of Ceremonies at the Fall Recital hosted on Wednesday, November 28th, at P-SJ-A Southwest High School Auditorium. Mr. Escobedo informed the board of the Pickleball Program that is taking place at the Development Research Center. Mr. Escobedo then advised that registration for the Spring Recreation Programs was open.

Parks and Recreation Director Sergio Alanis began by informing the board that they are adding more canopies at the Aquatic Center for more shade and improvements would be complete before for the summer. Mr. Alanis added that painting and touch ups would be done to the cool deck area as well as Lap Swimming, Zumba, and Aqua Aerobics Programs are still in progress at the Aquatic Center.

ITEM C) NEW PARKS UPDATE

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Parks and Recreation Director Sergio Alanis began by showing the board a slide show of the Parks projects that are in progress and would be commencing in the near future. Mr. Alanis provided brief updates on the park construction, mentioning a revised 'Date of Completion' for Dr. Long and A&W Arnold City/School Parks and the Nature Park, as well as the completion date of the newly constructed Victor Garcia Skate Park.

Mr. Alanis advised that preparations for the 13th Annual 5K Run/Walk were in progress, stating that the department had a goal of increasing not only overall participation, but would promote to involve the school district more in the event.

After answering a few questions by the board members, Mr. Alanis closed out his remarks by briefly updating on the 'After School Program', stating that the first semester of the program was wrapping up a very successful inaugural season, and that registration was already open for the upcoming spring semester.

ITEM D) COMMENTS: BOARD MEMBERS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Mrs. Mari Caballero reminded the board to keep board member Oralia Rodriguez in their prayers. Mr. Allen Williams wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ITEM 3: ADJOURNMENT

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

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR

ON THE 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 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 Cynthia Bernal, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant, of the City of Pharr, Texas,*** *certify that this is true and correct copy of the minutes.*

ATTEST:

Cynthia Bernal, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED DATE: 1-9-19