

**MINUTES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 10, 2019 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 Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Johnny Ramos
Allen Williams
Efrain Matamoros
Eduardo Mata
Alma Caso
Aaron Garza*

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Mario Guajardo
Ana Chavez
Isaac Smith*

STAFF PRESENT: *Sergio Alanis
Isaac Escobedo
Elva Guajardo
Jennifer Martinez
Samantha Wisby*

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 Allen Williams made a motion to excuse the absent board members. Efrain Matamoros seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2: ADMINISTRATIVE

ITEM A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2019-REGULAR CALLED MEETING AND APRIL 25, 2019-REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Eduardo Mata made a motion to approve the

minutes. Allen Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM B) INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Aaron Garza gave the board a brief introduction of himself. Board members welcomed Mr. Garza.

ITEM C) STATUS REPORT-SUMMER RECREATION, AQUATICS AND ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Athletic Supervisor Jennifer Martinez began by informing the board that for the month of June the department had completed the camps for Little Hot Shots and Football, both camps had 60 participants. She added that the P.O.N.Y all-star teams have wrapped up. 9 teams went Regionals and did not advance. Currently there is a volleyball camp being held at T-Stem. Mrs. Martinez also informed the board that the reason none of the other supervisors were in attendance were because the department was hosting the Regional Track Meet. A brief discussion was then held in regards to the athletic programs.

Aquatic Supervisor Samantha Wisby began by informing the board that 60 Swim participants would be traveling to the Regional Swim Meet in Mission. Ms. Wisby added by informing the board that the Aquatic Center was averaging 700-800 patrons a day and that this year we were offering an Adult Learn to Swim class. Director Sergio Alanis then gave the board a review of what the supervisors had previously mentioned. He added by thanking the P-SJ-A ISD as well as formally inviting the board members to the theater performance hosting Seussical Jr.

ITEM D) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ANY POTENTIAL FUNDRAISERS (TABLED ITEM)

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Board member Allen Williams made a motion to un-table the item. Efrain Matamoros seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Board Members discussed what fundraisers have taken place in the past, and how much time before money would need to be raised in order to award next year's scholarships. Parks and Recreation Staff advised that possible ideas for fundraising opportunities and projections could be put together for the board members to discuss at the next meeting.

ITEM E) COMMENTS: BOARD MEMBERS

Johnny Ramos introduced the item. Mr. Williams asked Director Sergio Alanis how the board members could be more effective and more involved, possibly dividing into sub-committees that pertain to the department's core duties, in order to assist staff in anything possible. Mr. Alanis stated that he openly and frequently communicates with all or most of the board members on a

regular basis in regard to the department and operations throughout the year, thanking the board members for their feedback. Board members then asked Mr. Alanis about vandalism and security at the parks, to which Mr. Alanis advised that cameras and 911 call boxes will be installed at all City parks within the next couple of months. Board members also brought up the idea of executing an 'Adopt-a-Park' program in order to get the community engaged so they may take ownership of their parks, resulting in less vandalism while creating opportunities for recognition to groups that show interest. Board member Mr. Aaron Garza then mentioned the possibility of the City transitioning and/or adding components to make all the parks throughout the City having the capability to be accessible to the 'special needs' community and hoped that it would be a long-term goal as well as something the City could look into moving forward with park improvements.

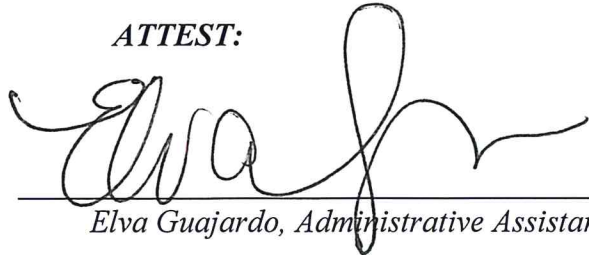
ITEM 3: ADJOURNMENT

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

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HIDALGO CITY OF PHARR

ON THE 10th DAY OF JULY 2019, 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: 8-14-19