

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR**

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Pharr, Texas met in a Regular Called meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hector Treviño
Mario Guajardo
Rudy Beltran
Bobby Carrillo Jr.
Ben Cantu
Erika Sciaraffa

MEMBERS ABSENT: Isaac Smith
Hernan Figueroa
Mario Lizcano

STAFF PRESENT: Isaac Escobedo, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Elva Guajardo, Administrative Assistant
Hanna Marble, Urban Ecologist
Adam Diaz, Division Head
Anthony Rodriguez, Athletic Supervisor
Roel Hinojosa, Athletic Supervisor
Abel Molina, Afterschool Program Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: David Friedlein, Assistant City Manager
Hilda Pedraza, Assistant City Manager

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairman Hector Treviño called the meeting to order. Roll call established a quorum.

Board Member Mario Guajardo moved to excuse absent members. Board Member Bobby Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2023-REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Board Member Mario Guajardo moved to approve. Board Member Rudy Beltran seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS BOARD MEMBER-MARIO LIZCANO

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Elva Guajardo, Administrative Assistant informed the board that Mr. Lizcano was unable to attend the board member due to a prior commitment. Board member Mario Guajardo moved to table the item. Board member Bobby Carrillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) STATUS REPORT- SPRING RECREATION, ATHLETICS, AQUATICS, AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND URBAN ECOLOGIST

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Parks and Recreation Supervisors provided a recap of their summer programs which included participation numbers and start and end dates. Athletic Supervisors gave a summary of the season for each of their respective programs and answered questions. All supervisors informed the board of the upcoming fall programs as well as the registration dates. Board member Erika Sciaraffa proposed the possibility of adding financial literacy as a presentation for the summer camp.

Hanna Marble, Urban Ecologist, went over past and future events at the Pharr Vanguard Academy Nature & Birding Center. She stated one of the upcoming events that the City of Pharr would be hosting along with Texas Parks and Wildlife would take place on December 7-8, 2023, at the Pharr Natatorium. She explained the event would be a Coastal Expo for kids from 1st-6th grade from all the Rio Grande Valley will be invited to learn about coastal ecology and experience outdoor adventure.

D) STATUS REPORT-PARKS AND RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Elva Guajardo, Administrative Assistant, went over the revenues and expenditures of the BBQ plate sale. She further thanked the people who assisted in the preparation and all the sponsors that assisted with a monetary donation.

E) COMMENTS: BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item. Board Member Mario Guajardo commended staff for all their great work.

ITEM 3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Member Mario Guajardo **moved** to adjourn. Board member Ben Cantu seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

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

ON THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2023, 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: _____