

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025
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, January 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and the following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hector Treviño
Mario Guajardo
Bobby Carrillo Jr.
Rudy Beltran
Jose Quintanilla
Carlos Alanis
Mario Lizcano

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erika Sciaraffa
Ben Cantu

STAFF PRESENT: Sergio Alanis, Parks and Recreation Director
Isaac Escobedo, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Elva Guajardo, Administrative Assistant
Adam Diaz, Division Head
Anthony Rivera, Athletic Supervisor
Samantha Guzman, Athletic Supervisor
Brittney Huerta, Afterschool Program Supervisor

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 at 5:30 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

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

ITEM 2. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

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

B) INTRODUCTION OF URBAN ECOLOGIST-REMY VARGAS

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Remy Vargas, Urban Ecologist began by introducing himself to the board; he gave the board a brief history of himself that included his past employment. The board welcomed him.

He then informed the board on the department's successful event; the Coastal Expo was held at the Pharr Natatorium on December 12-13, 2024, for kids from 1st-6th grade from all the Rio Grande Valley that were invited to learn about coastal ecology and experience outdoor adventure.

C) STATUS REPORT – 19TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K RUN/WALK

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Sergio Alanis, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the 19th Annual 5K Run/Walk was scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the Pharr Aquatic Center and briefly went over the details for the event.

D) STATUS REPORT – LOTERIA EVENT

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Sergio Alanis, Parks and Recreation Director, reported on worksheet that was distributed to the board in regard to the Loteria event that was held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at the Jose "Pepe" Salinas Recreation Center. A brief discussion was then held. The board commended staff on a successful event.

E) STATUS REPORT – FALL RECREATION, ATHLETICS, AQUATICS AND AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Parks and Recreation Supervisors provided a recap of the fall programs which included participation numbers and teams. Athletic Supervisors gave a summary of the season for each of their respective programs and answered questions.

F) BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Hector Treviño introduced the item.

Board Member Mario Guajardo commended the department for all the hard work. Fellow board members echoed the sentiment.

ITEM 3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Member Mario Lizcano **moved** to adjourn. Board Member Rudy Beltran seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Hector Trevino, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mario Guajardo, Vice-Chairman

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

ON THE 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2025, 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: _____