

CITY OF HURST
COUNTY OF TARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS

On the 16th day of May, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in its Regular Meeting at the Hurst Public Library, 901 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following member's present to-wit:

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| Alan Neace |) | Chairman |
| Ralph Hurd |) | Members |
| Pat King |) | |
| Rod Robertson |) | |
| Gary Waldron |) | |
| Bob Walker |) | |
| Jessica Martin |) | Alternates |
| Will Blackburn |) | |
| Kyle Gordon |) | Executive Director of Community Services |
| Chris Watson |) | Recreation Director |
| Kristie Weaver |) | Parks Director |
| Eric Starnes |) | Director of Facilities & Project Management |
| Paige Lutz |) | Recreation Administrative Assistant |

with the following members absent, Karen Spencer, constituting a quorum, at which time the following business was transacted:

- I. **Call to Order:** Alan Neace called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call of Members:** Paige Lutz conducted the Roll Call of Members.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Ralph Hurd made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 regular meeting and April 16, 2016 special meeting; Jessica Martin seconded the motion.

AYES: Hurd, King, Neace, Robertson, Waldron, Walker

NOES: None

IV. **Staff Report:**

A. **Director's Report:**

1. **March and April Participation Reports:** Chris Watson, Recreation Director, presented the following statistics for the March and April Participation Reports:

March

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| Recreation Center | 11,939 |
| Classroom Programs | 506 |
| Fitness Center | 4,528 |
| Tennis Center | 1,687 |
| Facility Rentals | 61 |
| Active Members | 2,476 |

April

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|--------------------|--------|
| Recreation Center | 15,395 |
| Classroom Programs | 1,153 |
| Fitness Center | 4,386 |
| Tennis Center | 1,486 |
| Facility Rentals | 84 |
| Active Members | 2,457 |

2. **Program Highlight:** Chris Watson reported that the May Program Highlight features the Classroom Program's Guitar Lessons. This very popular class is offered by instructor Jan Ryberg. Mr. Ryberg has taught guitar for over 35 years and has taught at the Hurst Recreation Center for 5 years. Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Private lessons are offered at the Recreation Center.

B. Special Events:

1. **2019 Fish Stocking Program:** The dates for the upcoming fish stocking at the Chisholm Park Pond were displayed. Kristie Weaver, Parks Director, reported that the excessive rain in the past few months have caused low oxygen levels which has caused several fish to die. Parks will correct the issue by installing a diffuser at the bottom of the pond to keep a consistent oxygen level in the pond.
2. **Heritage Village Presents:** Kyle Gordon gave an update of the Concert in the Park event on April 26th with 250 in attendance, the upcoming Summer Kickoff on May 30th, and the Fall events including Salsa y Salsa on September 5th, Dogtoberfest on October 3rd, and Movie in the Park on November 1st.
3. **Family Campout Recap:** The Family Campout took place on March 22nd at Chisholm Park with 103 in attendance. The event included a Chuck Wagon dinner, s'mores by the campfire, and fun activities for the family.
4. **EGGstravaganza Recap:** Chris Watson reported that due to inclement weather, the EGGstravaganza was rescheduled to April 16th at Hurst Community Park with an estimated 2,500 people in

attendance. The event offered photos with Mr. Bunny, face painting, crafts, and egg hunt.

5. **Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt Recap:** The first Adaptive Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 12th at Central Park with 200 in attendance. The free event was offered to children ages 16 years and younger with special needs. In addition to the egg hunt, the event included face painting, crafts, a petting zoo, and pictures with Mr. Bunny.
6. **Healthy Hurst Kid's Triathlon Preview:** Chris Watson reported that the Healthy Hurst Program will offer its first Kid's Triathlon at Central Aquatics Center on June 1st.
7. **Dash & Splash Preview:** The 11th Annual Healthy Hurst "Dash & Splash" Fun Run will be held on June 8th at Chisholm Aquatics Center.
8. **Special Needs Swimming Preview:** The Aquatics Centers will offer a Special Needs Swimming event at Central Aquatics Center on June 21st and Chisholm Aquatics Center on August 3rd.
9. **Golden Couples Preview:** The Golden Couples event will be held on June 22nd at the Hurst Senior Citizens Activities Center.
10. **Stars & Stripes Preview:** Chris Watson reported that the 17th Annual Hurst Stars & Stripes event is scheduled for Thursday, July 4th at Hurst Community Park.

C. Works in Progress:

1. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 2:** The project is complete. The contractor is responsible for plant maintenance until mid-2019.
2. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 3:** The project has started and will be completed in the summer.
3. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 3a:** The medians at the SH 10 and Hwy 820 intersection are being drastically modified with the upcoming highway construction. The City has paid for a consultant to design the landscape for the medians and the construction will be funded by TXDOT out of the highway project.
4. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 4:** The designer submitted the 95% plans and specifications to TXDOT in January. The construction on these medians will begin in the fall of 2019.
5. **Recreation Center Repurposing Study:** Conceptual plan options and cost estimates will be reviewed in order to evaluate potential modifications that address functionality, response to program needs, and improved service.

6. **Tennis Center Renovations:** The architect is working on design plans so that construction can start in late 2019. The storage area will be located separate from the main building due to a storm sewer conflict.
7. **Smith-Barfield Playground Replacement:** The project is complete.
8. **Animal Shelter and Dog Park:** Voters approved the \$7.5 million bond package for a new animal services and adoption facility in early May. Currently, Parks staff is conducting a survey with other cities on the design and construction of area dog parks.

D. Staff Activities:

1. **May and June Calendars:** Chris Watson reviewed the calendars of events for the months of May and June.
2. **Personnel Update:** Kyle Gordon reviewed the Organizational Chart for the City of Hurst. He reported that Malaika Farmer and Clayton Fulton have been promoted to Assistant City Managers. Ms. Farmer will be over Community Development and Community Services. He noted that his own title has now changed to Executive Director of Community Services, taking on the position created after the retirement of Allan Heindel. The Board congratulated Kyle.

Kristie Weaver reported that Rafael Martinez has been promoted to Athletic Crew Leader, following the retirement of Randy Burgerson. She reported that Andrew Ponce has joined the Parks Department as Irrigation Technician.

V. Report of the Committee:

A. John Butler Memorial Senior Citizen's Banquet

1. **Consider Catering Contract:** Mr. Watson reported that the catering contract has been chosen for John Butler Senior Banquet. He announced that the new caterer is D Squared, located in Duncanville.

VI. Communications:

- A. **Thank You Note:** A Thank You note from retired Deputy City Manager, Allan Heindel, was presented to the Board.
- B. **NRPA Newsletter:** Chris Watson reported that the City of Hurst was selected as one of the "*Top 5 Things To Do*" in the NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) Spring National Newsletter.

VII. Unfinished Business: None to discuss at this time.

VIII. New Business: None to discuss at this time.

IX. Informational Items:

A. Nancy Lieberman Charities Dream Court Project: Kristie Weaver reported that the Nancy Lieberman Charities is applying for a grant for another Dream Court in Hurst. The location of the new court would be adjusted to the existing pavilion outside of the Central Aquatics Center. The City would take care of the fence installation and lighting modifications. The new Dream Court is dependent upon the acquisition of the grant.

B. Police Activities League Summer Camp: Chris Watson reported that the Recreation Division will be working in cooperation with the Police Department’s PALS Camp Program. The event is scheduled for June 10th – 14th and will take place at the Hurst Public Library, Chisholm Park, and the Chisholm Aquatics Center.

C. Recreation Membership Update: Auto-draft payments for Recreation Memberships have begun. Currently, six new resident memberships and one new non-resident membership have been sold using the auto-draft payments.

D. Holiday Closures: Kyle Gordon reported that the Recreation Center, Tennis Center, and the Recreation Administrative Office will be closed on May 27th for Memorial Day. He noted that the Chisholm and Central Aquatics Centers will be open normal hours.

X. Board Member and Citizen Comments: Jessica Martin inquired as to the possibility of offering more Yoga in the Park events. She suggested the possibility of offering “Goat Yoga”. Chris Watson responded that he would have staff look into the possibility.

XI. Adjournment: Bob Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pat King seconded the motion.

AYES: Hurd, King, Robertson, Neace, Waldron, Walker

NOES: None

Alan Neace adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 20__

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ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY