

MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

November 3, 2022

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Betty Rucker, Kerry Fossler, Margaret Robinson, and Jamie Creacy. Members absent were Steven Fobert. There are currently two vacant board member positions. City staff and representatives present were Arborist Thomas Martinez, Public Works Technician Sandy Holder, Assistant City Manager Rebecca Gleason, City Manager Sylvia Carrillo, and Council Liaison John Kirkland. City staff and representatives absent were Public Works Director Curtis Hancock and Recreation Manager Terry Moore.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:03 p.m. Vice Chair Margaret Robinson called the meeting to order.

2. STAFF AND BOARD BRIEFINGS

2A. Parks Report

Report was given by staff member Thomas Martinez.

2B. Bastrop State Park Report

Report was given by Jamie Creacy.

2C. Bastrop Recreation Report

Report was given by staff member Rebecca Gleason.

2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Kerry Fossler.

2E. Council Liaison Report

Report was given by Council Member John Kirkland. He reported that he also serves as Liaison for the Art in Public Places Board and wanted to bring the two groups together by providing art in parks in areas where graffiti is occurring regularly. More information will come in future meetings.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the October 6, 2022, regular meeting.

Motion was made by Member Betty Rucker and seconded by Member Kerry Fossler. Vote was unanimous.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan

Update was provided by Assistant City Manager Rebecca Gleason. Master Plan Contract will be taken to Council for award at the December 2022 meeting. Contract will include three phases and take a community involvement approach through development of a Community Engagement Plan. Final plan will include master plan for two parks, ideas for other parks, assessment of sports complex feasibility, funding mechanisms, and other.

5B. Discussion and consider nomination of a new Parks and public Tree Advisory Board Secretary.

Member Betty Rucker made a motion for Jamie Creacy to serve as the new Board Secretary. Member Kerry Fossler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5C. Update and Discuss Hope Tree

The hope tree was taken to the art community. They passed along that they thought it may fit better in the business community. Vice Chair Margaret Robinson made a motion to deny placement of the hope tree in city parks. Member Jamie Creacy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJORNMENT

Member Betty Rucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Member Kerry Fossler seconded. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Vice Chair, Margaret Robinson
