

**COUNTY OF BURNET
CITY OF MARBLE FALLS
STATE OF TEXAS**

On this the 4th day of April, 2016 the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Marble Falls, Texas convened for a regular meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Marble Falls City Hall located at 800 Third Street, Marble Falls, Texas, with notice of meeting giving the time, place, date and subject having been posted as described in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Mark McCary | Vice-Chair |
| Charles Watkins | Commissioner |
| Kendra Lewis | Commissioner |
| Annie Berg | Commissioner |
| Steve Hurst | Commissioner |
| Jane Knapik | Special Cemetery Board Member |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Dave Rhodes | Chair |
| Leta Stevenson-Smith | Commissioner |

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Moss, Parks & Recreation Director
Lewis Fincher, Superintendent of Parks
Mike Hodge, City Manager
Monique Breaux, PARD Administrative Assistant

VISITORS: Steve Manley

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Vice-Chair McCary called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.
- 2. UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS.** Director Moss recognized outgoing Commissioners Manley and Parker for their contributions to the Parks and Recreation Commission and City of Marble Falls.
- 3. CITIZENS COMMENTS.** Steve Manley thanks the Commission for the recognition plaque. He also thanked the Parks staff including Director Moss, Lewis, and Monique for a job well done within the department.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**
 - **March 7, 2016 Regular Meeting.**
Commissioner Watkins motioned to accept minutes and Commissioner Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS.**
 - **Correction to the Election of Chair Pro-Tem.** Director Moss clarified the Chair Pro-Tem

election that was held in March 2016. The Chair-Pro Tem is appointed if both the Chair and Vice-Chair are not available to run the meeting.

Spring Break 2016 Summary. Director Moss gave an overview of the Spring Break activities. Spring Break took place Monday through Thursday this year with multiple events going on simultaneously. It was a very successful year with over 1,600 participants attending. In 2015, we had 600 participants. The library had the largest turnout with over 350 participants. Elevate Church hosted a skateboard contest at the skate park and hosted over 250 participants. We were not prepared for the overwhelming number of participants. Many people jumped in to help including Smoking For Jesus Ministry. The ministry came out to help with almost every event. Vice-Chair McCary acknowledged that social media marketing via Facebook and Instagram played a major in drawing attention to the events. Commissioner Lewis inquired about the photo contest on Instagram and if the pictures could be used by the City. Director Moss informed the Commission that we only received seven submissions and had seven prizes. Each person that entered the contest received a prize. He also stated that he wants each event in 2017 sponsored. Director Moss went on to thank everyone who helped make Spring Break successful.

Our Lone Star Legacy Update. Director Moss announced that the Lone Star Legacy celebration will be held on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 2pm at the Johnson Park Amphitheater. Official invitations will be mailed out soon. TRAPS Director, Dr. Michal Anne Lord, will be one of the featured speakers at the event. Director Moss also mentioned that he is in search of a few lifelong residents who may want to briefly speak about Johnson Park and what the park means to them.

Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update. Director Moss gave an overview on the status of the Master Plan update. The last Parks Master Plan was done seven years ago. The current update is being accelerated due to the future EDC project that will be adjacent to Johnson Park. Halff and Associates will begin working on a complete plan and conceptual layouts in May. The cost to complete the Master Plan is \$75-thousand (\$28-thousand will come from the EDC; and the rest will come from CIP funds). Director Moss will going before the City Council on April 5 in order to get the budget approved.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Park Projects. Director Moss stated that the soccer field project is ongoing. Construction on the old train depot for the new CARTS location is also underway. Steve Reitz has partnered with the City to make the restrooms ADA compliant. Director Moss is waiting on a bid to get the outside of the building painted.

Operations and Maintenance. Director Moss mentioned that the parks are busy. The adult soccer league began season on Saturday, April 2. The ball field did recover after being seeded with both winter and Bermuda grass; and then irrigated with purple pipe water. The dance and karate companies had moved on from the Community Hall due to the high

cost of liability insurance and the need for a permanent location. They were operating under a temporary, three month facility use agreement. The Keep Texas Beautiful affiliation is now provisional and will become finalized once the City submits an official document from the Parks and Recreation Commission. The document must state that the Commission will form a subcommittee of Keep Marble Falls Beautiful board members. Director Moss will present the document for approval at the May meeting. Lastly, the LCRA Steps Forward Day community litter pick up was a huge success. Eighteen LCRA employees partnered with twenty City employees to collect 90 bags of trash in 3 and a half hours. The event was held on April 1.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2016.

7. **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS.** Commissioner Hurst requested that park land grant opportunities be added to the May agenda.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 5-0.



Mark McCary, Vice-Chair



ATTEST: 

Monique Breaux, PARD Administrative Assistant