

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

On this the 2nd day of May, 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.

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	Dave Rhodes	Chair
	Mark McCary	Vice-Chair
	Charles Watkins	Commissioner
	Kendra Lewis	Commissioner
	Annie Berg	Commissioner
	Steve Hurst	Commissioner
	Leta Stevenson-Smith	Commissioner
	Jane Knapik	Special Cemetery Board Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Robert Moss, Parks & Recreation Director  
Lewis Fincher, Superintendent of Parks  
Mike Hodge, City Manager  
Caleb Kraenzel, Assistant City Manager  
Christian Fletcher, EDC Executive Director  
Monique Breaux, PARD Administrative Assistant

**VISITORS:** Jennifer Fierro – The Picayune

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Rhodes called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.
- 2. UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS.**  
**Lone Star Legacy Showcase.** Director Moss presented a slideshow about and gave an overview of the Lone Star Legacy Award dedication and celebration that took place on April 22, 2016 in Johnson Park. He thanked the speakers – Dr. Michal Anne Lord, Pastor Ross Chandler, Jennifer Fierro, Bessie Jackson, and John Arthur Martinez – for their heartfelt words.
- 3. CITIZENS COMMENTS.** None.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**
  - April 4, 2016 Regular Meeting.**  
Commissioner Watkins motioned to accept minutes and Commissioner Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS.**

**Spring Break Subcommittee Appointments.** Director Moss reminded the Commission of the impressive participant turnout during Spring Break 2016. More than 1,600 participants took advantage of the various activities offered. He requested that three PRC members form a subcommittee in order to fully organize the sponsors, activities, food, and prizes for the upcoming year and beyond. Chair Rhodes appointed Commissioners Stevenson-Smith, Watkins, and McCary.

**Keep Marble Falls Beautiful Subcommittee Appointments.** Director Moss reminded the Commission that they are the supportive board for Keep Marble Falls Beautiful. The City will remain a provisional affiliate until an official letter designating a subcommittee is submitted to Keep Texas Beautiful. Once the letter is submitted, the City will be moved to affiliate status. Director Moss and Chair Rhodes will draft the requested letter and submit it to the Commission for review. Upon final approval, Chair Rhodes will then appoint the subcommittee.

**Spring Break 2017 Discussion.** Director Moss announced that he wants each event in 2017 sponsored and organized similar to the way Elevate Church, ArtFrog Art Academy, Yet Praise Dance Company, and Verus Strength and Fitness handled their events. The subcommittee has been given the responsibility of creating a sponsor deck and locating companies/business owners who are willing to provide complete activities (activity, volunteers, clean up, supplies, food, and prizes) or resources (funding or volunteers).

**Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update.** Director Moss gave an overview on the status of the Master Plan update. He handed out a gantt chart outlining the proposed pre-construction timeline. The Commission will also serve as the Parks Advisory Committee in order to solicit feedback, initiate public engagement, and make recommendations. Halff and Associates will begin working in May 2016. Chair Rhodes requested that a workshop be scheduled in order to prepare the Commission for their upcoming advisory duties.

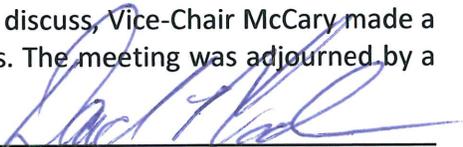
6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

**Park Projects.** Director Moss stated that the CARTS project is ongoing at the old train depot. CARTS has a goal to be moved in and operational by June 2016.

**Operations and Maintenance.** Director Moss mentioned that the parks are busy. The maintenance crew worked diligently to prepare Johnson Park for the Lone Star Legacy Award celebration. The crew has also been mowing a lot in between the heavy rains. The cemetery looks bad because the department is allowing the wildflowers time to re-seed; however, the crew is selectively mowing around the dead areas. Lastly, Wesley Browning will begin as a fulltime employee on May 3, 2016. Director Moss is still in search of one additional seasonal employee.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2016.

7. **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS.** Commissioner Hurst requested that park land grant opportunities be an ongoing discussion. He also made suggestions to research possible grants from the following – FEMA, U.S. Soccer Association, TxDOT, and the USDA. City Manager Hodge requested that this topic be permanently added to the Director's Report. Director Moss informed everyone that a representative from TDPW will be at the June meeting to discuss park grant opportunities. Vice-Chair McCary requested a discussion about the Mike Fry Memorial plaque be added to the June agenda. Chair Rhodes requested that the dog water fountain along Mormon Mill be fixed.
  
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Vice-Chair McCary made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lewis. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 7-0.



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Dave Rhodes, Chair

ATTEST:



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Monique Breaux, PARD Administrative Assistant