

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

On this the 11th day of July, 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
	Charles Watkins	Commissioner
	Kendra Lewis	Commissioner
	Annie Berg	Commissioner
	Steve Hurst	Commissioner
	Jane Knapik	Special Cemetery Board Member

<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b>	Mark McCary	Vice-Chair
	Leta Stevenson-Smith	Commissioner

<b><u>CITY STAFF PRESENT:</u></b>	Robert Moss, Parks & Recreation Director
	Lewis Fincher, Superintendent of Parks
	Mike Hodge, City Manager
	Monique Breaux, PARD Administrative Assistant

**VISITORS:** Jennifer Fierro – The Picayune

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Rhodes called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.
2. **UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS.** None.
3. **CITIZENS COMMENTS.** None.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**
  - **June 6, 2016 Regular Meeting.**  
Commissioner Lewis motioned to accept minutes and Commissioner Berg seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously.
5. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS.**  
**Mayfest and Adult Soccer Relocation Discussion.** Commissioner Hurst gave a detailed explanation of his concerns over the impacted area where Mayfest and adult soccer games take place. Commissioner Hurst stated that we (the Parks Commission and City) need to begin a process of finding what the best use for the area/site is as we moved forward in the future. There is a lot of required maintenance for the area due to the wear and tear of

excessive usage. Commissioner Hurst understands that there isn't many open space options for recreational use. Commissioner Watkins suggested that we begin looking for a fair grounds type area to host large community events due to the growth path of the City. The Commissioners parking adjacent to the downtown parks. Director Moss informed them that these issues will be addressed in the Master Plan Update.

**Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update.** Director Moss gave an overview on the status of the Master Plan update. Over 40 people participated in the stakeholders meetings. The diverse group included participants from MFISD, the YMCA, local churches, Mayors from surrounding cities, local recreation organizations, downtown business owners, and others. Some of the common needs mentioned in the meetings included more youth facilities, new bathrooms, organized parking, and more recreational opportunities. The next step in the process is to circulate a comprehensive survey to the community. Director Moss informed the Commission that the staff has a draft copy of the survey to review. A copy will also be sent to the Commissioners to review. The survey will be available online and print.

## 6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

**Park Projects.** Director Moss stated that the old train depot project is ongoing. The exterior is being sealed and painted; and the windows are being re-glazed. CARTS is still scheduled to move in, but hasn't given a definite date yet. The wayfinding sign project has been moved to the Parks Department. A new sign will be installed in Johnson Park followed by walking and directional signs.

**Operations and Maintenance.** Director Moss mentioned the maintenance crew is working and preparing for upcoming community events (LakeFest). They have also been working on the trails. The pool is open and has had a slow start due to the heavy rains at the beginning of the season. Pool parties are still available and extended swim hours are available on Thursdays until 7pm.

Director Moss informed Commissioner Hurst that he will present his requested grant opportunities in pieces.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2016.

7. **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS.** Commissioner Hurst requested that FEMA grant opportunities be added to a future agenda for discussion. He would also like the City to begin a dialogue with the property owners west of town (near old mining site) to see if they would consider donating the land as open or park space. Chair Rhodes requested that parks and open spaces as related to the subdivision ordinance be added to a future agenda for discussion.

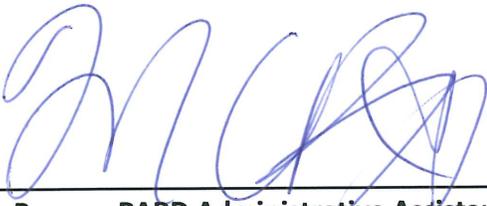
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Watkins made

a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hurst. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 5-0.



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**Dave Rhodes, Chair**

**ATTEST:** 

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**Monique Breaux, PARD Administrative Assistant**