

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

On this the 6th day of January, 2020 the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Marble Falls, Texas convened for a regular meeting at 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.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Charles Watkins	Chair
	Dedrick Thompson	Vice-Chair
	Christopher Feller	Commissioner
	Annie Berg	Commissioner
	Tomye Folts-Zettner	Commissioner
	MaxAnne Jones	Commissioner
	Jane Knapik	Special Cemetery Board Member

<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Penny Whisenant	Commissioner
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<u>CITY STAFF PRESENT:</u>	Lacey Dingman, Parks and Recreation Director
	Mike Hodge, City Manager
	Caleb Kraenzel, Assistant City Manager
	Christian Fletcher, EDC Executive Director
	Erin Burks, Downtown Coordinator
	Monique Breaux, Recreation Coordinator
	Baron Sauls, Finance Director
	Valerie Kreger, Development Services Director

VISITORS: Jennifer Fierro – The Picayune; Rev. George Perry – St. Frederick Baptist Church

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT.** Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at Noon and announced the presence of a quorum.
- 2. UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS.**
- 3. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS.** Rev. George Perry of St. Frederick Baptist Church of Marble Falls spoke to the Commission about the importance of reinstating a community Juneteenth celebration in Johnson or Westside Parks. Rev. Perry requested assistance from the City in the form of facility usage and/or monetary support in order to reimplement the celebration in 2020. In previous years, the Juneteenth celebration was hosted in Johnson Park; and featured live music and community barbeque.
- 4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR MEETING AND ANY SPECIAL MEETING HELD SUBSEQUENTLY AND THEIR APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT.**

- **December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting.** Commissioner Folts-Zettner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Berg seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS.

- **Phase 1A Project Update.** Director Dingman informed the Commission the Walkway of Lights is scheduled to be completely removed by January 15th. The Parks crew is working on cleaning the basins at the beach.
- **Lakeside Pavilion HVAC and Appliance Renovations.** Director Dingman stated the Lakeside Pavilion HVAC bids came back at \$280-thousand; and staff will review the specs to see what the actual cost of the project will be. The current timeframe to complete the HVAC construction is more than eight weeks. The appliances in the kitchen will be replaced before February 1st.
- **Tree City USA Designation Discussion.** This designation must be applied for the year prior to garnering the credential. The following must accompany the application: must have a tree board; community forestry program; allocate approximately \$13-thousand of funds towards tree services; host an Arbor Day program; and have a proclamation from City Council.
- **Inclusive Playground Discussion.** Vice-Chair Thompson informed the Commission of the need for an inclusive playground in Marble Falls. MFISD currently services more than 550 special needs and sensory based students within the district. The ideal location is Westside Park as there is no public street cutting throughout the park. A proposed Westside Park retrofit was mentioned. Vice-Chair Thompson was told to bring firm documentation along with estimated pricing to the March 2020 meeting.
- **Recreation Update.** Monique Breaux gave an overview of all the Christmas holiday events that occurred in the parks and downtown Marble Falls during the month of December. The pop-up ice-skating rink attracted more than 1,600 skaters, not including chaperones and parents. Spring Break 2020 will be held at various park locations March 16-20th. Children's Day has been assumed by MFISD; and will be held in Johnson Park on Saturday, April 18th. LCRA Steps Forward Day will be held Friday, April 3rd. Lastly, Johnson Park was voted Best Park in the annual Locals Love Us contest.

6. DIRECTOR'S TEAM REPORT.

- **2019/2020 Project Updates** – The LCRA Steps Forward Day inclement weather day is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2020. City crews along with LCRA and PEC will work to improve the fence on Claremont Parkway.

- **Park Maintenance and Operations** – The Parks crew is completing facility maintenance including working to get Lakeside Park ready for public use. The crew is also continuing mow all irrigated parks as needed. The Parks Department has one vacant position.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** Monique Breaux stated the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2020. Items to be included on the agenda are the status of the soccer programs and ball fields; Tree City USA designation; and Spring Break 2020.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feller. The motion passed unanimously.



Charles Watkins, Chair

ATTEST:



Monique Breaux, Recreation Coordinator