



**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**  
**ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**104 Robinson Court**  
**Aledo, Texas 76008**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Road, Aledo TX 76008. Cain Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present: Shane Davis, Gordon Hiebert, and Nicholas Holman. Staff members present: Parks Director, Toni Fisher, and City Administrator, Bill Funderburk. Guests in attendance: Mayor Kit Marshall and Brad Lonberger of Kimley-Horn.

1. Invocation –

Invocation was led by Chair, Cain Williams

2. Pledge of Allegiance –

Pledge was led by Chair, Cain Williams

3. Quorum Check -

A quorum was present at this meeting.

**B. CITIZEN APPEARANCES:**

None.

### **C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **1. Discussion and action concerning approval of Minutes from the June 6, 2019 regular meeting**

Gordon Hiebert made a motion to approve the June 6, 2019 minutes; the motion was seconded by Nicholas Holman. Motion passed 4-0

#### **2. Presentation and discussion regarding the Parks of Aledo Trail System**

Justin Welborn of JRH Partners, LLC and Larry Colvin of Baird, Hampton & Brown stood before the Board with a presentation regarding the potential extension and continuation of the Parks of Aledo Trails through Aledo.

Mr. Welborn explained the Trails and how the sport of mountain biking is growing in popularity, and its visitor impact on our City, while expressing that these trails are also used by joggers and walkers, and that they are public trails; Mr. Colvin showed a slideshow of several trails and areas with dirt trails. Both explained the initial design and production of the Trails, and importance of volunteerism for upkeep of the Parks of Aledo Trails.

Brad Lonberger of Kimly-Horn [who was part of the Velocity Group's Pace Accelerator study] added that these Trails can tie in and overlap with additional walking trails for the future Pine Street Commercial Corridor.

City Administrator, Bill Funderburk, asked Welborn to recap IMBA's "26 mile" which, if achieved, would create an elite trail designation that would bring mountain bikers from all over the country, if not all over the world, and in effect, would bring visitor dollars to Aledo's economy.

Chair Cain Williams made a motion to proceed to Council with the idea of the dirt Trail System continuation; the motion was seconded by Shane Davis. Motion passed 4-0

### **3. Presentation, discussion and action regarding Aledo Commons Park improvements and concept designs**

The presentation given by Paul Knifong of Extreme Exteriors was conceptual, and the presentation did not indicate any contract for this project, only the art and ideas. The Board's decision of what they would like to see happen would then be presented to City Council for consideration. Upon Council's approval, the Parks Board and Staff would move forward with engineering and full designs and bids.

Knifong reviewed his concept of Aledo Commons Park, with an art rendering of the park showing a band shell, amphitheater, pavilion, display gardens, new parking, barrier fence, [existing] Veterans' Memorial, and picnic areas. Knifong expressed that the designs could be done in stages and the gardens could easily change to a spouted water feature.

The Board unanimously identified its preference to the improvements as follows: 1) Barrier Fencing; 2) Band Shell (stage); 3) Amphitheater (seating area); 4) [additional] Parking; 5) Pavilion; and, 6) Picnic Areas.

Gordon Hiebert made a motion to approve the order of improvements to present to City Council; the motion was seconded by Cain Williams. Motion passed 4-0

### **4. Parks Director's Report**

Monthly Reports were provided for October 2019 through January 2020; the reports provided an overview of activity within the past six months, and what the Parks Department will be encompassing, being that is a new department. Copies of the Board and Parks & Recreation City Ordinances were provided to Board members. Member Jeff Foust has resigned from the Board (moved), so anyone interested in applying should contact the City Secretary.

Under City beautification, Fisher stated that the [light pole] banners are now under the Parks Department, as well as the wrapping of the electrical boxes, the last that was finished last week. Art sculptures have been considered for the parks, and will be revisited at a later date.

#### **5. Discussion regarding Adopt-A-Spot Program: Reading Friends and Boy Scout Troop**

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Fisher informed the Board of the new "Adopt-A-Spot" program, explaining the Agreement that was made, and the yard sign identifying the sponsor. In addition to these two groups, Edward Jones offices in the area have also reached out and would like to Adopt-A-Spot. Fisher explained that the "Adopt-A-Spot" can be anywhere within the City: road, park, median, etc., and she encouraged that if they had any ideas to bring them forward.

Fisher also informed the Board of requests granted for organizations to use of the parks/city property for non-city events. There is no charge at this time. The organization must sign an Agreement with constraints for traffic control, trash removal, police/security, and restrooms, whose numbers are based on the amount of guests expected. The organizations using the grounds are completely responsible for their own events.

#### **6. Review and discussion of "2020 Aledo Park Projects" chart**

Fisher discussed the proposed Projects Chart to indicate what the Parks Department and Staff has been working on, what it is targeted to get accomplished this year, and respective dates.

#### **7. Discussion and action regarding lease, electricity, and potential improvements at Bearcat Park**

Fisher stated to the Board that, due to previous vandalism, City Staff began looking into getting electrical power to Bearcat Park for lighting and security cameras.

Tri-County Electric Co-Op provided an invoiced cost of \$4,023.30 for initial services for providing power to the park. Bearcat Park is leased from the Aledo Independent School

District, so they need to be consulted before any improvements can be made, including electricity.

Fisher also presented a new sign that was made for the park, stating the hours and citing ordinances. The Board agreed to place the new sign at Bearcat Park.

Shane Davis made a motion to table any further discussions regarding improvements to Bearcat Park until the Agreement can be visited with Aledo ISD; the motion was seconded by Cain Williams. Motion passed 4-0

**8. Discussion regarding potential presentation in March by Aledo Middle School Robotics Club for handicapped accessible equipment in Bearcat Park**

No action was taken on this item.

**9. Discussion regarding 2020 Community Events**

Fisher informed the Board that the Circus is coming in April, and that future discussions will commence as the city's events are planned. "Aledo Summer Blast" is in June and will be extended from 6-9 p.m to 6-10 p.m.

**C. ADJOURNMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

Motion was made by Board Chair, Cain Williams, seconded by Nicholas Holman to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Passed and approve this 11 day of MARCH, 2021.



Gordon Hiebert, Chair