

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 6, 2019
Aledo Community Center
104 Robinson Court
Aledo, Texas 76008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Aledo Community Center, 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, TX. 76008. Cain Williams called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following members present: Shane Davis and Gordon Hiebert.

Staff member present – Director of Public Works, Gretchen Vazquez.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board member Cain Williams.

2. Invocation

Invocation was given by Board member Cain Williams.

3. Quorum Check

A quorum was present at this meeting with Board members Gordon Hiebert, Shane Davis, and Cain Williams in attendance.

B. CITIZEN APPEARANCES

No citizens appeared to speak about any issue on the agenda.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Consideration and/or action regarding approval of minutes of the July 16, 2018 regular meeting.

Gordon Hiebert made a motion to approve the July 16, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Shane Davis.

Motion passed 3-0

2. Consider approval of the FY 2019-2020 Parks Department budget of \$250,000.

Gretchen Vazquez stated that each year the City's budget recognizes funds for improvements to the parks. The FY 2019-2020 budget recognized a budget for improvements of \$250,000.

Gretchen Vazquez presented the Board with a list of suggested improvements for FY 2019-2020. Improvements included a basketball court located at Bearcat Park and a new covered stage and landscaping improvements at the City Hall grounds (Aledo Commons).

Gretchen Vazquez stated that Bearcat Park is a five-acre park located along FM 5, at McAnally Intermediate School. Bearcat Park is on a 99-year lease from Aledo Independent School District (AISD).

Gretchen Vazquez provided the Board with an overview of the concept plan proposed for Bearcat Park as shown in the Aledo Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Master Plan. Ms. Vazquez indicated that the park concepts in the Parks Master Plan illustrate the potential and possible suitable development of each site, and serve as a guide to future park development. The Bearcat Park concept plan shows minor improvements to enhance the usability of the park, such as, two basketball courts, a parking lot, and a multi-use trail.

Board member Gordon Hiebert asked if the City had any information about potential plans for development of Bearcat Park by the Aledo ISD or if the school had a strategic plan. Gretchen Vazquez stated that staff was unaware of any future improvements to Bearcat Park by the School District. Ms. Vazquez stated that any proposed improvements to Bearcat Park would most likely need the school's approval.

There was significant discussion about the covered stage and landscaping improvements at the City Hall grounds (Aledo Commons). Gretchen Vazquez stated that city staff had been looking into and gathering information on the project, including the design and construction cost of the project. An estimate of probable construction cost for the preliminary design concept was significantly higher than the budgeted amount. Ms. Vazquez also presented to the Board an exhibit of a covered stage located in a new outdoor community gathering place in downtown Roanoke.

Board member Shane Davis suggested the use of other resources such as networking and donations to finance the project. Board member Gordon Hiebert suggested exploring the idea of utilizing local contractors to participate in the construction of the project.

Board members stated that they would be interested in participating and providing input during the planning stages of the covered stage project. Gretchen Vazquez agreed to keep the Board members informed of the progress and to meet with the Board members as needed during the planning stages of the project.

Motion was made by Cain Williams and seconded by Shane Davis to approve the FY 2019-2020 Parks Department budget of \$250,000.

Motion passed 3-0

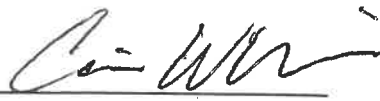
Gretchen Vazquez stated that this matter was to be considered by the City Council @ 7:00 P.M. on June 27th, 2019 in the Aledo Community Center located at 104 Robinson Court, Aledo, Texas.

D. ADJOURNMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Board member Shane Davis, seconded by Cain Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Motion passed 3-0.

Passed and approved this 13 day of Feb. 2020.


Cain Williams, Vice-Chairman