

**CEDAR HILL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15, 2018  
MINUTES**

The Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Board met August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Government Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Multi-purpose Court Room, 285 Uptown Blvd. Bldg. 100, Cedar Hill, Texas.

**Park Board Members Present:** Rick Cook, Chairman; Dustin Ledbetter, Vice Chairman; Clara McGinnis; Rose Mercer; David Robertson; Antoine Scott; Kiphani Allen; Neil Bolton, ex-officio

**Absent:** L. Michelle Terrell; Marilyn Little

**City Staff Present:** William Ford, Parks and Recreation Director; Shawn Ray, Parks Superintendent; Carolyn Skeels, Recreation Superintendent; Olivia Wright, Executive Secretary; Shonda Johnson, Recreation Operations Supervisor; John Jackson, Recreation Coordinator; Renee Black, Administrative Secretary.

**I. Call the Meeting to Order.**

Rick Cook called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**II. Consider Approval of the July 18, 2018 Minutes.**

Dustin Ledbetter made a motion to approve minutes. Clara McGinnis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**III. Citizens Forum.**

Toni James gave recommendation that the new Outdoor Community Swimming pool be moved to the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center and not Virginia Weaver Park. Ms. James explained that the Virginia Weaver site would increase traffic in the neighborhood. Ms. James also expressed concerns about the safety and security of the pool and who will monitor it after hours.

Tracy Jeffers, Vice-President of the Cedar Hill Soccer Association, expressed his concerns on losing the Soccer fields at Crawford Park. Mr. Jeffers explained that the practice fields are detrimental to the Cedar Hill Soccer Association. Mr. Jeffers gave recommendation that the new Outdoor Community Swimming Pool be located anywhere except at the Crawford Park Site 1b.

Tim Miller, A 20-year resident of Cedar Hill, gave recommendation that the new Outdoor Community Swimming pool remain at Crawford Park. Mr. Miller expressed that he prefers a Community Swimming pool instead of a Waterpark.

David McDaniel, A 9-year resident of Cedar Hill, gave recommendation that the Outdoor Swimming pool remain at Crawford Park as part of the City Center Development Plan. Mr. McDaniel expressed that moving the Swimming Pool to a

different location might affect the decision of potential Developers and Investors in the future.

Dr. Deborah Cawthon gave recommendation that the new Outdoor Community Swimming pool remain at Crawford Park, close to the City Center and near Preston Trail Apartments. Dr. Cawthon expressed that the current pool location serves the needs of the citizens who lives on the West Side of High Way 67. Dr. Cawthon expressed that she prefers the pool remain at the current site Crawford Park 1A or at Crawford Park 1B, where the soccer fields are located.

#### **IV. Staff reports related to Parks and Recreation programs, events and projects.**

##### **PARKS staff reports:**

##### **CIP Projects**

- Mansfield Road (<http://cedarhilltx.com/1181/Mansfield-Road>)
- Dedication took place 8.14.2018
- FM 1382 Trail Phase I & II (<http://cedarhilltx.com/2352/FM-1382-Hike-and-Bike-Trail>)
- Phase II is on schedule.
- Pedestrian bridge scheduled to arrive 8.16.2018 and begin install 8.20.2018
- Phase I is scheduled to restart construction on 9.1.2018

##### **Bond Related Items**

- (<https://www.cedarhilltx.com/2311/2017-Bond-Program>)
- Calf Pasture Park improvements are on <http://www.letstalkcedarhill.com/calf-pasture-park-improvements>.
- Schematic for Bradford improvements reviewed by High Point PID on 8.9.2018.

##### **Operations and Maintenance**

- US 67 mowing and litter abatement has begun; anticipate mowing week of 8.13.2018.
- NeighborWoods program is open for request; staff has delivered 66 trees to residents so far this year <https://www.cedarhilltx.com/757/NeighborWoods-Trees>
- Recent rains have allowed staff to restart display fountains in ponds.
- Preparing for several fall events including Creative Arts Festival, Country Day on the Hill and Scare on the Square along with 2019 Juneteenth.

##### **Recreation staff reports:**

##### **Athletic Monthly Report**

##### **Association Leagues & Tournaments**

- Nothing new to report.

##### **Rentals-Tournaments, practices, games by Facility**

- Lester Lorch Nature Preserve – 39 participants

- Valley Ridge Park – 7 games, 1 camp with 75 participants, 2 tournaments with 56 teams total.
- Virginia Weaver Softball Complex – 1 practice, 2 tournaments with 49 teams total

### **Programs-Participants**

- In partnership with Mansfield, we hosted Fire Fighter Games Disc Golf with 13 participants.
- Fit 4 Mom – 160 participants.
- Youth Tennis Lessons – 11 participants.

### **Other Athletics news**

- Baseball, Girls Softball, Soccer and Football Youth Associations taking Fall League registrations.
- Adult softball is taking fall league registrations.

### **Aquatics Monthly Report:**

#### **Rentals with # of attendees**

- 14 pool rentals – 440 attendees

#### **Programs with # of participants**

- Aqua Zumba – 198 participants
- Swim Lessons – 275 participants

#### **Pool Admissions (Daycare, senior, lap, open)**

- Lap Swim – 75 admissions
- Senior Swim – 129 admissions
- Open Swim – 2182 admissions

#### **Event Attendance (Paws, Sunday Funday, Red White & Pool)**

- Red, White & Pool – 156 admissions
- Sunday Funday – 172 admissions

### **Other Aquatics news**

- Collected public input from pool participants.

### **Rec Center Monthly Report:**

#### **Programs Monthly**

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| ○ Participants | 333 |
| ○ Drop-ins     | 135 |
| ○ Total        | 468 |

#### **Rentals Monthly**

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| ○ External Rentals | 188 |
| ○ Internal Rentals | 32  |
| ○ Totals           | 220 |

**Memberships Monthly**

o 1 month	249
o 3 month	68
o Annual	44
o Day Pass	965
o Silver Sneakers	13
o Total	1339

- o Monthly total Scan Count 9741

**Other Rec Center news**

- o Working on LED lights for inside lobby, hallways and outside parking lot.

**Special Events Monthly Report:****Special Event attendance**

- o NO events in July (see Aquatics)

**Sponsorships secured**

N/A

**Other Special Event news**

- o Park and Recreation Month
- o Social Media Campaign, Pool events
- o Future event planning
- o Worked on drafting new sponsor package – meetings with sponsor people

**V. Review and discuss additional public comment from “Let’s Talk Cedar Hill” and the most recent public input meeting on August 7, 2018 on the new Outdoor Community Swimming Pool.**

Carolyn Skeels, Recreation Superintendent; Shonda Johnson, Recreation Operations Supervisor and John Jackson, Recreation Coordinator gave a presentation on the new Outdoor Community Swimming Pool. Rose Mercer made a motion to have another joint Board meeting with the Cedar Hill Community Development Corporation to consider additional public comment on the new Outdoor Community Swimming pool location. Kiphani Allen seconded the motion. The Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Board voted 4 to 3, with 4 voting against and 3 voting in favor and the motion failed. After further discussion, the Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Board confirmed previous recommendation to move the new Outdoor Community Swimming pool to the Virginia Weaver Site.

**VI. Review and discuss additional public comment from “Let’s Talk Cedar Hill” and the most recent public input meeting on August 7, 2018 on the Virginia Weaver Creative Playground Schematic Design.**

William Ford, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the Board with additional public comment from “Let’s Talk Cedar Hill”. The Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Board

confirmed previous recommendation to use Schematic Design 3 for the new Creative Playground.

**VII. Consider approval of Bradford Park Reinvestment Design.**


Shawn Ray, Parks Superintendent, gave a presentation on Bradford Park Reinvestment Design. David Robertson made a motion to approve the new Design. Rose Mercer seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by the Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Board.

**VIII. Consider appointment of Parks Master Plan Update Sub-Committee Member.**

Antoine Scott volunteered to be considered a member of the Parks Master Plan Update Sub-Committee. The Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Board accepted and approved his nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Adjourn**

Clara McGinnis made a motion to adjourn. Kiphani Allen seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Rick Cook, Chairman

  
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Olivia Wright, Executive Secretary