

**MEETING MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Parks & Recreation Board Members Present: Vice Chair Neil Bolton; Awnya Creque; Ex-Officio Shannon Hart; Marilyn Little; Oscar Santos; L. Michelle Terrell.

Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent: Chair, Rick Cook; Kiphani Allen; Jacqueline Ivy; Antione Scott

City Staff Present: Parks & Recreation Director, Shawn Ray; Parks Superintendent, Josh McLerran; Recreation Superintendent, Shonda Johnson; Executive Secretary, Karen Tenery

Others present: None

- I. **Call the meeting to order:** Vice Chair Neil Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **Citizens Forum:** None
- III. **Review and approve minutes from Parks & Recreation Board meeting held on March 15, 2023:** Oscar Santos made the first motion to approve L. Michelle Terrell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Update on various City designations:** Shawn Ray updated the board on designations noting that the city has received its Bird City designation. The board was advised on delays concerning the Bee City designation due to qualifications and requirements, and at this time not being not fully equipped due to time constraints and staff shortages.
- V. **Update on operations for the Lagoon at Virginia Weaver Park:** Shonda Johnson gave a detailed presentation regarding operations at the New Lagoon at Virginia Weaver Park. Details were given regarding admission, activity schedule, staffing, party room rentals, season passes. The board was pleased and excited for the anticipated opening on May 27, 2023.
- VI. **Receive staff reports and updates related to Parks & Recreation programs, events, and projects:**



- Shawn Ray updated the board on the CIP updates, highlighting that the Lagoon has a projected substantial completion date of May 10, 2023, and the New Library is on track.
- Josh McLerran provided updates for Parks & Maintenance –
 - 2 mowing contracts have been awarded to vendors
 - EarthFest was a success with all Neighborwood Trees given away
 - Ball field lighting has been completed
 - Budget Prep Round 1 complete
- Shonda Johnson provided updates for Recreation activities-
 - Spring athletics wrapping up spring season
 - 2 FT positions with one offer pending/1 still posted
 - WSI & Lifeguards onboarding underway
- Save the Date/Upcoming Events:
 - May 4 – Party in the Park Bear Creek
 - May 26 – VIP Lagoon Reception
 - May 27 - Lagoon Opening

VII. Adjourn: Vice Chair Neil Bolton adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Signature:  Date: 17 May 2023

Rick Cook Parks & Recreation Chairperson

Signature:  Date: 5.17. 2023

K. Tenery, Parks & Recreation Executive Secretary

2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS							
Board members	Position	TermExp	1.18.23	2.15.23	3.15.23	4.19.23	
Rick Cook	Chair	May-23	PL 7:08	P	P	A	
Neil Bolton	V-Chair	May-24	P	P	P	P	
Kiphani Allen	Board Member	May-24	P	P	A	A	
Awnya Creque	Board Member	May-23	P	P	A	P	
Shannon Hart	Ex-Officio	May-23	P	P	P	P	
Jacqueline Ivy	Board Member	May-24	P	P	P	A	
Marilyn Little	Board Member	May-23	P	P	P	P	
Oscar Santos	Board Member	May-24	P	P	A	P	
Antoine Scott	Board Member	May-23	P	P	P	A	
L.Michelle Terrell	Board Member	May-23	P	P	P	P	

Key: P=Present, PL=Present Late arrival, A=Absent, CM=Cancelled Meeting

