

**MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

Chair, Rick Cook; Vice Chair, Neil Bolton; Kiphani Allen; Awnya Creque; Jacqueline Ivy; Oscar Santos; L. Michelle Terrell; Ex-Officio Traci Uncel-Martin; Ex-Officio Shannon Hart.

Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent: Marilyn Little; Antoine Scott.

City Staff Present: Parks & Recreation Director, Shawn Ray; Parks Superintendent, Josh McLerran; Recreation Superintendent, Shonda Johnson; Executive Assistant, Karen Tenery, Nature & Open Space Coordinator, Katie Christman.

Others present: None.

- I. **Call the meeting to order:** Rick Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Review and approve minutes from Parks & Recreation Board meeting held on October 18, 2023:** Shannon Hart made the first motion to approve, Kiphani Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- III. **Citizens Forum:** None
- IV. **Board discussion regarding Library in the Park grand opening:** Shawn Ray gave a short briefing to the board for those that did not attend the library meeting. The discussion was then turned over to Rick Cook for discussion. The board discussed details and made suggestions, providing feedback on what they would like to see at the grand opening. The board had interest of the following events and activities for adults and children.
 - Art Exhibits, (all ages)
 - Concert in the Park, (all ages)
 - Poetry in the Park, (all ages)
 - Nature Walk, (all ages)
 - Story time in the Park, (all ages)
 - Wine Walk, (age 21 & up)
- V. **Bird City Texas update:** Shawn Ray introduced Katie Christman the new Nature & Open Space Coordinator. Katie Christman gave a detailed presentation on Bird City Texas including details regarding native and rare birds in the city, designation requirements, events, volunteer opportunities and how this will help our city.



- VI. Receive staff reports and updates related to Parks & Recreation programs, events, and projects:** Shawn Ray gave a brief overview of new developments and updated the board on the CIP Summary.
Josh McLerran gave a brief update to the board regarding Parks and Maintenance.
Shonda Johnson gave a brief update to the board regarding Recreation and activities.

UPCOMING Events/Programs/Campaigns:

Dec. 7 Holiday on the Hill.

Dec. 13 Senior Christmas Luncheon.

- VII. Adjourn:** Rick Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Board members	Position	1.18.23	2.15.23	3.15.23	4.19.23	5.17.23	6.21.23	7.19.23	8.16.23	9.20.23	10.18.23	11.15.23
Rick Cook	Chair	PL 7:08	P	P	A	P	CM	P	P	CM	P	P
Neil Bolton	Vice Chair	P	P	P	P	P	CM	P	P	CM	A	P
Kiphani Allen	Board Member	P	P	A	A	P	CM	A	P	CM	P	P
Awnya Creque	Board Member	P	P	A	P	A	CM	P	P	CM	P	P
Jacqueline Ivy	Board Member	P	P	P	A	A	CM	P	P	CM	A	P
Marilyn Little	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	CM	P	P	CM	P	A
Oscar Santos	Board Member	P	P	A	P	P	CM	A	P	CM	A	P
Antoine Scott	Board Member	P	P	P	A	P	CM	P	P	CM	P	A
L.Michelle Terrell	Board Member	P	P	P	P	P	CM	A	PL 7:10	CM	PL	P
Shannon Hart	Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	CM	P	P	CM	PL	P
Traci Uncel-Martin	Ex-Officio							P	P	CM	P	P

Signature:  Date: 17 Jan 2024

Rick Cook, Parks & Recreation Chair

Signature:  Date: 1-17- 2024

K. Tenery, Parks & Recreation Executive Assistant

