

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JONESTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2023, 7:00 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 18649 FM 1431, SUITE 3A, JONESTOWN, TEXAS.

Chair: Colleen O'Brien (Place 3) Vice Chair: Patricia Buckley (Place 4)	Charles McCormick (Place 1) Michael Latos (Place 2) Darell Dansby (Place 5)	Ellen Koncak (Alternate 1) Laura Heihn (Alternate 2)
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A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR MYKAL LATOS

Chair Latos called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Latos, Vice Chair Buckley, Members O'Brien, McCormick & Dansby
Staff Present: Ann DaPrato, & Galen Hodges
Guests: Ellen Koncak, Katrina Baldazan, Doc Menkin , Shane Winders

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the meeting minutes for the November 7, 2022, special meeting was tabled. No meeting minutes were available.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Meeting was opened to the citizens for their communications.

Librarian Galen Hodges discussed the upcoming Easter event proposed for Saturday, April 8. Original date was changed from April 1st to the 8th to accommodate the Cajunfest. He is seeking volunteers.

C. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion and action regarding election of Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Election of Park and Recreation Board members was discussed: After many long years serving as Board Chairman, Michael Latos stepped down. Members were allowed the opportunity to run for Chair. Colleen O'Brien gave an oral resume and expressed her desire to run. Patricia Buckley nominated Colleen for Chair, Dansby 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously,

Colleen nominated Patricia for Vice Chair, Dansby 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The election of a secretary was tabled. Ellen Koncak will become Alternate 1 as soon as she is sworn in by the City Secretary.

2. Projects and Events update from Ann DaPrato, Parks & Recreation Coordinator.

Ann reported the post freeze cleanup in ongoing, parks are cleaned up. Brush piles are going to be burned for disposal. Jones Brothers Park (JBP) is accepting bids for renovating the large playscape, may cost more than originally planned. Water fountains have been ordered for JBP. Ann also discussed landscape plans for the parks and more.

3. Discussion regarding thank you event for volunteers.

Some form of recognition is being discussed for volunteers helping maintain the parks or volunteering at City events. Perhaps giving credit towards a park permit in JBP for Jonestown ETJ residents who accumulate a set amount of volunteer hours. This discussion is ongoing.

4. Discussion regarding park reservation modifications.

Ann DePrato discussed the new park facility reservation fees and changes. Jonestown website to be updated.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding creating ADHOC sub-committees.

Doc Menkin and Shane Winders discussed the future of Jonestown promoting itself as a music destination for the North Shore and they volunteered their extensive expertise, suggesting an ad-hoc committee be formed. In particular they would like to assist the City with the creation of an annual blues festival.

A motion was made by Member O'Brien and seconded by Member Dansby to revive the Arts, Music and Cultural Ad Hoc Committee. The motion passed unanimously. The formation of an Arts, Music, and Cultural Entertainment Subcommittee was discussed agreed on by all board members. Discussion and formation are fore coming.

6. Review of Parks and Recreation Board duties.

Board members reviewed to duties as specified in in City's ordinance.


7. Review of 22/23 Fiscal year budget.

Discussion of the budget was tabled to the next meeting so that 1st quarter budget status could be provided.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Vice Chairman Buckley at 9:08 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2023.


Colleen O'Brien, PE, Chair

ATTEST:


Sandra Barton, City Secretary