

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE OF
STAFFORD, TEXAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
IN SAID CITY ON MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

On the 19th day of July 2021, at 7:00 p.m. the Parks Committee of Stafford, Texas met in the regular session in the Large Conference Room in said City. Chairperson Willis called the meeting to order. The following members of the Parks Committee were present:

Antonia Comardo, Monica Barnett, Trina Reed, Mary-Ann Smith, Otis Brown, (Public Works Superintendent) John Rose, Council Member, Don Jones, Edward Rector. Absent: Harvey Koudelka, Joji George. The following City staff were present: Otis Brown (Public Works Superintendent).

NOTE: Items appearing in these minutes are in the order they were discussed, not necessarily in the order they appeared on the agenda.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL AND WELCOME MEMBERS
3. Consideration of the minutes of previous Parks Committee Meeting of October 21, 2019

Committee member Mary-Ann Smith approved the minutes. Committee member Trina Reed seconded the motion. Chairperson Willis called the roll for a vote. Chairperson Willis and Committee Members, John, Antonia, Mary-Ann, Trina voter "yes", none against.

4. Discussion of action items for Vaccaro Manor Park.

Committee member Antonia Comardo mentioned that she had visited the park, and everything seemed fine. Also spoke about using for National Night Out. Public Works Superintendent Otis Brown spoke of the following: Brought all exercise equipment into the shop for repairs, call craftsman company to give us a new benches & exercise bars, They said due to Cov-19, they will get back to us because they were just starting back to work. Also, all water

fountains were cut off due to Cov-19. New trash barrels were installed in the park. They also installed new outlets at Vaccaro planor in case there are any upcoming events,

5. Discussion of action items for Gordan Fountain Lake Park.

Otis Brown mentions to the committee that new address signs and new Cov-19 awareness signs were installed. New striping at parking lot were put down. Installed ne No Smoking signs. Checked all playground equipment and everything seemed fine. Lights were replaced with new LED lights. Trash is picked up daily. Water fountains have been cut.off due to Cov-19 issue.

6. Discussion of action items for Fifth Street Park.

Councilman Don Jones speaks on 5th Street Park Door lighting left over and could

possibly donate the rest, and those lights need to be LED lighting. Otis Brown mentions that the department trimmed the trees throughout the park. They also cut trees in the front of the entry way; All the swings in the park were checked to make sure they were fine. They also sprayed for ants in the park. They are also currently getting ready to replace the boards on the benches that are bad. All the Water fountains were turned off due to Cov-19. All dead tree limbs from the park were taken to the Letco Group. Also, made sure that the nets are secured on the basketball court. Trash is picked up-daily.

7. Discussion of action items for First Street and Ruben Park. Otis Brown states that 1st Street Park is as follows: The lights were re stained on the bridge. Lights on the walking trail were replaced with LED lights. Repaired the brick wall in the park Cut off the water fountains due to Covid-19 issues. Cov-19 awareness signs were put out. New striping was placed in the parking lot. New address signs were placed in the park, so that the police department can respond to any issues faster. Trash is also picked up daily. Also, looking at possibly planting trees for the fall. Mary-Ann Smith asks if we there would be consideration of installing exercise equipment for the elderly to exercise. Chairperson Willis says that we could maybe look at something like this. John Rose mentions that this would be good for Reuben Park since there is no walking/jogging trail there. Cecil & Otis Brown will look more into getting information on this getting done.

8. Discussion of action items for Rubin Park. Otis Brown mentions the following: There were new signs installed with address location. Planted flowers, cut down dead trees that were in the park and have a few more to cut down from the freeze storm in January 2021. The water was cut off from the drinking fountains because of Covid19 issues. There will be more kitty cushion put in around fall time, around the swings & slide areas. Restripe the parking lot. Pick up trash daily at the park. There is one light near the basketball court that keeps blowing out, it will be prepared soon by Otis Brown.

9 Monarch Gateway & CenterPoint RTRP

Program Committee spoke briefly on this....

Stafford Centre

Promenade Trail Projects

John Rose suggested that Promenade be a discussion of items added to our next list of discussion when we meet again.

10. Adjournment.

ATTEST:



Nicola Browe
Assistant City Secretary



Cecil Willis
Chairperson

Minutes created by member of the Parks Committee.