

Parks and Recreation Planning Board
Regular Session
January 8, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Shockey, Chair
Donna de Chabert
Gail Marks
Donna Parrish
Cyndi Rushin
Drew Wight

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Gebhart

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Robin Reeves, Parks and Recreation Director
Renee Jordan, Park Planning Manager
Ron Smith, Park Services Manager
Michelle Hawkins, Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager
Susie Hergenrader, Recreation Superintendent
Jeff Johnston, Landscape Architect

Doug Shockey, Parks and Recreation Planning Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Oak Point Park Nature and Retreat Center, 5901 Los Rios Blvd., Plano, Texas. A quorum was present.

Chairperson Shockey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No one appeared to speak during the Comments of Public Interest agenda item.

Doug Shockey introduced new Parks and Recreation Planning Board Member, Donna Parrish.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2018 meeting was made by Donna de Chabert, seconded by Drew Wight, and approved 6-0.

A motion for Gail Marks to serve as Vice-Chair was made by Drew Wight and seconded by Cyndi Rushin; approved 6-0.

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The Parks and Recreation Planning Board discussed the location of the board's meetings. Meetings will be held at Oak Point Park Nature and Retreat Center except to tour new or renovated facilities and parks.

Susie Hergenrader, Recreation Superintendent, introduced herself as the incoming Recreation Services Manager. She provided an update on the renovation of Liberty Recreation Center as well as the Sam Johnson Recreation Center for Adults 50+.

Ron Smith, Park Services Manager, briefed the board on the emerald ash borer. The invasive beetle was recently discovered in Texas and does irreversible damage to ash trees. Over 1,034 ash trees were identified in a tree survey conducted in 2007. The City of Plano will begin by identifying dead and or dying trees for removal and expand the search for ash trees in high risk areas such as trails and public buildings.

Michelle Hawkins, Arts, Culture and Heritage Manager, reported on the Volunteers in Plano group; 10,513 volunteers provided a value of \$2.6 million. Michelle also provided information regarding recently held events as well as upcoming special events.

Renee Jordan, Chief Park Planner, provided updates on numerous trail projects, park improvement and renovation projects, as well as median projects.

Jeff Johnston, Landscape Architect, provided an update on the Rowlett Creek Greenbelt Master Plan and status of the Los Rios Golf Course.

Renee Jordan briefed the board on the master plans for Jack Carter Park, Evans Park and Rowlett Creek Greenbelt.

Renee Jordan reported on items the Department identified for the 2019 bond election. The list will be further refined.

A park tour is scheduled for March 5 and a meeting will probably be scheduled for February. Nothing further was discussed. Chairperson Shockey adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Doug Shockey, Chair

Date