

Meeting Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
October 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM

WaterWorks Art Center | 1710 Charles Page Boulevard | Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127

Attendees:

MEMBERS		
<i>Name</i>	<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
Meinders Burkett	X	
Savage	X	
Rojas (Departed early at 9:41AM)	X	
Reese-Tipton	X	
Fernandez	X	

OTHER		
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- I. Chairperson Meinders Burkett called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM.
- II. Chairperson Meinders Burkett asked for review and approval of September 10, 2024, PRB minutes. No corrections or revisions were requested. Board Member Rojas moved to approve the minutes; Board Member Savage seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

- III. Reports

- a. Parks, Culture and Recreation Department Report – Anna America

Director America noted that playgrounds where we are doing replacements and enhancements will be receiving QR code signs to receive feedback for repairs, etc.

Noted sports court repairs are doing well. Great response from the community.

Challenges: Woodward Park bids came over budget. Working on how we can alter the plan in order to fit it into our budget. Currently \$1.2 million total over budget. Planting and tree protection are the priority for the funds. Stormwater will be funding a portion of this project. The consultant on this project will be LandPlan.

WaterWorks is not on the City sewer line. \$170,000.00 to get WaterWorks Art Center on the City of Tulsa's sewer.

Received the National Park Service Grant. Director America thanked Steve Lassman for putting the paperwork together that allowed us to apply for and receive this grant.

October 18, 2024, City Day of Caring 8-12pm at Stuart Park. The Parks Maintenance team has been working hard to prepare for this event.

Sparky Spectacular is on October 26, 2024, from 1:30-4:00PM . We are in need of volunteers and vendors for this event. Companies and individuals will sponsor a "trunk". Sponsorship information will be sent out by Nick Pond via QR code.

Golf RFP is out now. At a minimum a new contract, potentially a new vendor.

- b. Partner Focus Report – Eastern Sports Management

Eastern Sports Management currently operates ten facilities. They are bringing a lot of operational efficiencies to operate youth and amateur sports.

Guided by three pillars: Guest Experience Matters, We Are Professionals, We Manage Elite Facilities.

Mohawk Sports Complex has had over 100,000 people who have attended events in the past year. Mohawk Sports Complex has hosted the Rogers State University Cross Country Distance After Dark, US Club Sports Central Regional Championships, and the Route 66 Soccer Tournament.

Mohawk has implemented a mobile concession stand to eliminate the need for walking to the building concession stands.

Mark noted that the need for shade and referees at the sports complex.

Board Member Fernandez noted that he will be sending shade options to Eastern Sports Management as well as the Parks, Culture and Recreation department.

Director America noted that we have a new position, Program Planner I, held by Tony Martin that will be focused on sports and volunteer work. This position could also help hold workshops to encourage referee participation.

IV. **ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

a. *Blazing Wings of Dreams Sculpture

Steven Lassman requested the approval of the Blazing Wings of Dreams garden diva sculpture that was presented at the last Park Board meeting.

Approved

b. Board Member Reports – Board

Board Member Rojas visited Hunter Park and noted that the variety of experiences that you can have at one park makes for a great experience.

Vice Chair Savage noted that she would like to thank the level of detail that the Parks, Culture and Recreation team puts into their reporting. Vice Chair Savage also noted that detail like this build public confidence.

Director America noted that a group of adults with disabilities have planned a playdate for Hope Playground. Some of these people have never been able to play at a playground, so this experience is extremely special.

Board Member Fernandez noted that he will be speaking at the National Parks and Recreation conference on an ADA panel. Director America noted that we are working on accessible recreation programming.

Deputy Director Martin noted that we lost a large portion of our of tree canopy during the Father's Day storm. Our first tree planting is at Celebration Park where we lost cottonwood trees. October 12, 2024, planting around 50 trees that were lost to the Father's Day storm. Planting at Berry, Chamberlain, and Johnson Parks.

Director America noted that Johnson Park will have a dog park. There will also be the implementation of covered basketball courts.

V. New Business

[NOTE: "New business" is restricted to any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting. *Oklahoma Open Meeting Act*, 25 O.S.2001, §311(9)]

VI. Public Comments – None

VII. Next Meeting, November 5, 2024, at 9:00AM. The location of this Board meeting will be at Tulsa Zoo Helmerich Discover Center – 6421 E 36th St N, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

VIII. Adjournment at 9:44am.