

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nicholas Cantrell- Chair; Wayne Uecker- Vice-Chair; Lisa Nye-Salladin, Erik Silvius, Karen Yanez

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Dr. Charles Huebner, Morgan Bond, David Bartels, Cabe Johnson

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation; Deidre Flores, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Rosa Ledesma, Recreation Manager; Tina North, Office Manager; Malcolm Matthews, Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER**

On Wednesday, July 20, 2022 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board special public input meeting was called to order by Nicholas Cantrell, Chair at 5:30 p.m. in the Grill Room at the Dietert Center.

**1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

- 1A Public Input Meeting for the Singing Wind Park Master Plan- Mr. Cantrell spoke about the importance of parks for the Kerrville community's quality of life, then announced the assembled parks and recreation advisory board members and city council members at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Cantrell then introduced Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation. Mrs. Boyle thanked the public for attending and showing their support for the Singing Wind Park Master Plan. She emphasized the significance of the Park and Recreation department's vision and the value of community input.

Mrs. Boyle began the power point presentation and discussed the following information: The Parks and Recreation Department's mission statement and its tagline "Get. Outdoors. Be active. Play".

Topics of Presentation:

- Master Plan Update 2022 Process- the plan approval and adoption process consist of the following:
  1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
    - Engagement in 2021, several meetings.
    - Draft unanimously approved by the board on March 10, 2022
  2. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
    - Draft approved on March 21, 2022
  3. Kerrville City Council (CC)
    - Workshop on April 19, 2022.
    - Approved and adopted by Resolution 19-2022 on April 26, 2022.
  4. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
    - Submitted to TPWD for final approval.
- Public Input Process- the process was made up of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings and the steering committee meetings listed below, which were posted and open to the public.
  - March 25, 2021
  - April 27, 2021
  - June 1, 2021

- September 7, 2021
  - October 12, 2021
  - December 15, 2021
  - March 10, 2022
- Public Input Meeting – was held on December 15, 2021 at the Dietert Center; meeting was posted and open to the public
    - E-mail submissions with feedback also accepted.
  - Online Survey for additional input was set up and went live in March 2022
  - City Council / Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a joint Workshop on April 19, 2022; meeting was posted and open to the public.
  - Notification method for public input was circulated through press releases, city's website, social media platforms, e-mail blasts, and public notices in local newspapers.

Singing Wind Park was identified by the public, staff, and community input as the top priority park for capital improvement needs.

- Kerrville Olympic Pool Feasibility Study- scope of this study was to evaluate the condition of the exiting complex, to assess the needs of a competitive facility vs. community facility or combination of both, to give recommendations for improvements and to create a cost analysis for construction and operation. The forensic study determined that the Olympic Pool is in good condition, but needs to be replastered, diving boards addressed, deep end crack addressed, and pump room updated.

Malcolm Matthews, Consultant discussed the following points for the Singing Wind Park and the Singing Wind Park Master Plan:

- Singing Wind Park- Current uses and facilities are as follows:
  1. Playground
  2. Ballfields
  3. Skatepark
  4. Olympic Pool
  5. Trails
  6. Maintenance storage
  7. Parking
- Existing conditions for each of the following site challenges:
  - Diverging park interests
  - Expanding area development and traffic conflicts
  - Existing gas main and possible relocation
  - Erosion and trail use
  - Facility repurposing
  - Alternative locations for park uses
  - Park development costs
- Singing Wind Master Plan- specific recommendation are as follows:
  - Develop Singing Wind Park Master Plan
  - Repurpose lit softball fields – considering a dog park, pump track, disc golf, BMX track, etc.
  - Enhance / expand Skate Park; upgrade skate park lighting
  - Add trail benches to backside of park

- Add on-street parking to Olympic Drive
- Consider additional park entrance – at Olympic Dr. and Loop 534 area (parking / trail access)
- Develop as a “bike park” with multiple features; add “flow” mountain bike trail
- Olympic Pool – address short term maintenance and code issues
- Develop Olympic Pool Feasibility Study findings (heat pool, update diving area, add competitive swim and lap swimming features, use solar power)
- General city-wide park recommendations:
  - Upgrade playgrounds (shade, accessibility for all, safety, etc.)
  - Tree planting; native landscaping
  - Add more dog parks
  - Add Wi-Fi, security cameras, and recycling stations
  - Develop alternative modes of travel to parks
  - Improve connection of neighborhoods to parks
  - Improve storm water runoff / erosion through best management practices
- Timeline- this schedule is tentative and subject to change
  - Public Input Meeting – July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at the Dietert Center
  - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Meeting
    - Input Results – August 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at the Dietert Center.
    - Plan Adoption – September 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library
  - PRAB Joint Workshop with the Kerrville City Council
    - September 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at City Hall
  - City Council consideration of adopting the SW Park Master Plan by resolution
    - September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall City Council Chambers during their regular meeting
  - Today's Goals
    - To obtain a sign-in sheet and contact information for all attendees
    - Review draft projects list and invite attendees to prioritize projects
    - Have attendees identify any additional projects and priorities

Citizens were given blue dots and instructed to place them on the flip charts next to the projects next to the items on the list they felt were the most important and significant items on the lists. Post-it note pads were available for the public to write any feedback or items not already included on the project lists presented.

2. ADJOURNMENT  
6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Nicholas Cantrell, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

9/8/2022

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation

RECORDING SECRETARY: \_\_\_\_\_

Tina North, Office Manager