

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**KERRVILLE, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 4:00 PM**

On Tuesday, September 10, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's regular meeting was called to order by Lisa Nye-Salladin, Chair, at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Nye-Salladin – Chair
Cabe Johnson – Vice Chair
Russell Nemky
Stephen Lynch
Dalton Dover
David Bartels
Wynita Walther
Karen M. Yanez
Lynn Paulo

ABSENT MEMBERS

None

STAFF PRESENT

Dalton Rice, City Manager
Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation
Shane Heffernan, Asst Director of Parks and Recreation
Rosa Ledesma, Interim Asst Director of Parks and Recreation
Tina North, Office Manager

INVOCATION

Offered by David Bartels

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

1. VISITOR / CITIZENS FORUM

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2A. Approval of the regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes held on July 10, 2024. Stephen Lynch motioned to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Wynita Walther and passed with a vote of 8-0.

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

At the outset of the meeting, the agenda was adjusted to prioritize Item 3C. This adjustment accommodated our guest speaker, Jeremy Walther, whose scheduling constraints necessitated an early departure.

3C. Discussion for Support of a River Trail Connection between Singing Wind and East Main

Jeremy Walther, representing the Kerrville Urban Trail System (KUTS), delivered a presentation on a proposed new trail labeled the 'Singing Wind Trail.' The portion of the proposed trail is a 1,300 linear-foot drainage easement controlled by Schreiner University. Schreiner University is

currently committed to maintaining the trail once built. The proposed addition aligns with the existing Singing Wind Park Master Plan.

Mr. Walther suggested that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board appoint a board representative(s) to work with the KUTS group and stakeholders.

Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation, asked board members if anyone was interested in serving on the planning committee and recommended that the board discuss supporting this project and including it in the upcoming River Trail Master Plan update.

The Board unanimously supported staff's recommendation.

Cabe Johnson, Vice-Chair, volunteered to be the board representative.

3A. Community Arts Program Update

Katharine Boyette, Community Arts Program Director with the Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau (KCVB), gave an update about the Sidney Baker Bridge Mural project. Mrs. Boyette presented the board with information about the selected artists for the project. The Texas Department of Transportation approved a supplemental agreement for artist selection and placement, and the project is scheduled to begin in October 2024. The date for the ribbon-cutting ceremony is yet to be determined, but the plan is for late fall of 2024.

Lynn Paulo arrived at 4:15 p.m.

3B. Funding Request from the Texas Hill Country Senior Softball League (THCSSL) for Field Modifications to Two Softball Fields at the Kerrville Sports Complex

Michael White, representing the THCSSL, spoke to the board regarding a funding request from the city for field modifications to two softball fields at the Kerrville Sports Complex. The cost for the modification is approximately \$16K, obtained from an estimate submitted by Texas Multi-Chem. The improvements would allow the complex to qualify for hosting Senior Softball tournaments through Senior Softball USA.

Staff recommended that THCSSL provide at least a 50%+ match of donations and requested that the board discuss this request.

The Board unanimously supported staff's recommendation.

3D. Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department Foundation Fund Update

Rosa Ledesma updated the board on the fundraising efforts for the Inclusive Playgrounds Fundraising Campaign and requested the board's assistance in soliciting donations.

Lynn Paulo, Board Member and Director of Special Education at Kerrville I.S.D., highlighted the need for inclusive playgrounds accessible to individuals with disabilities and volunteered to assist with advocacy and education.

3E. Director's Report

Dalton Rice, the City Manager, addressed the board concerning the Parks and Recreation Department Priorities for Park Projects memo that board members voted on during the special meeting held on July 10, 2024. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board submitted the memo to the City Council and the Economic Improvement Corporation. The memo outlined the board's suggestions on protocol and processes for the Parks and Recreation Department priorities and project requests from organizations.

Ashlea Boyle distributed and discussed the Director's Report and answered questions from the board.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- 4A. Lisa Nye-Salladin, Chair, announced that discussions had taken place between herself, Cabe Johnson, Vice Chair, and the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding the possibility of adding small skate parks in our city's parks. These proposed skate parks would be similar to those in Bandera, Texas. It was noted that funding for these parks could be sourced from donations made to the Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department Foundation Fund program.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:  DATE: 4.8.25
Lisa-Nye Salladin, Chair

ATTEST: Rosa Ledesma - Interim Director of Parks and Recreation
Ashlea Boyle, Director of Parks and Recreation 

RECORDING SECRETARY: 
Tina North, Office Manager