

ELGIN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Elgin Recreation Center – Studio Room

361 N HWY 95, Elgin, TX 78621

I. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM on Thursday, April 22nd by chair, Katherine Salmon.

Members Present:

Elizabeth Marzec (Program Manager)

Katherine Salmon (Chair)

Brad Kilgore (Secretary)

Carlos Gandia

Jessica Hunziker

Members Absent:

Tiffany Finley – unexcused

Sonya Rangel – unexcused

Nicholas Arthur – unexcused

II. **Approval of Minutes – April 1st, 2021**

Motion to approve minutes w/ no changes made by Carlos Gandia and seconded by Brad Kilgore

III. **Citizen Communication**

No comments

IV. **Review**

A. Status of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PROSMP)

PROSMP was supplied to the board to review for amendment before going to city staff the following week.

B. Community input plan

Parks put up poster displays (community input boards) to engage the public for more input and feedback. Staff is working on another event at Thomas with plans to have another community input board event at Veterans Park based on the phases identified on the Parks Master Plan.

Community Leaders input was received, not as much response was received as expected, but the responses were commensurate from the input from the community at large. Disc golf was showing to be in demand in the top 3 requests. Equipment rentals provided by Parks Dept are helping disc golf and tennis to stay popular and in demand by removing initial high buy in cost to play. Increased/better signage needed at parks. Flag lot parking lot (2nd Thomas Park entrance) will hopefully increase park traffic and awareness of amenities.

V. **New Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

A. Specific needs for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

Parks Board is being asked to read for clarity to ensure PROSMP is simple to understand and comprehend w/out the use of unknown nomenclature so that anyone reading the plan will understand the contents. Feedback on changes is needed back by Tuesday, April 27th.

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The PROSMP is being designed to be re-reviewed yearly to identify what needs the parks have as Elgin and the community changes.

B. Programming and events in parks under COVID19

The schedule was supplied w/ the meeting materials for reference. Summer Saturday Series is going to be on hold as bands and staff continue to adjust to life around Covid-19. Movies and music in the park will continue, but most likely on every other week basis. We are trying to schedule city events (like Shop Small Saturday) w/ Parks events to help partner the effort for music and movies. We would like to use the 150-year anniversary of the city of Elgin to bring back the Summer Saturday Series and the Veterans Park project. Positive public comments to city council meetings will help favor changes needed to the parks. As board members, we can ask other community members to also make positive public comments to city council to show a need for more amenities that we are trying to acquire in the PROSMP. Flyers can be distributed from Friends of Elgin Parks that ask for funding or to inform the public of the next council meeting to voice their needs.

VI. Report from Parks Director and Staff

A. Recreation Center and Park Operations Updates

Grants that were applied for by Elizabeth were listed on the supplied materials for the meeting. Parks are fully open to include restrooms. The Rec Center is opened back up w/ more people being allowed in as time passes. Parks staff is working on managing the number of people allowed in the rooms. Parks Dept is in great need of more lifeguards. Please spread the word to find more lifeguards. The position is up to 25 hours/week @ \$10/hr. Chemn Café is open to spreading flyers about the lifeguard position available.

VII. Announcements

A. No Comments

Next meeting date: May 20th, 2021 at 6pm @ Rec Center Studio Room

VIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Brad, seconded by Carlos; all approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Attest

Katherine Salmon, Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Elizabeth Marzec, Program Manager
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