

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING -APRIL 19, 2021**

04/19/2021- Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Board Member Charlyn Vaiani called meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.
- III. Roll Call
Board Members Present: Charlyn Vaiani (District1), Tad Lewis (District 2), Rose Tijerina (Mayoral), Marlee Williams (District 5), Jami Durham (District 3), Dyann Polizin (District 6)

City Staff Members Present:
Barbara Sanderson, Executive Director Parks, Recreation and Community Outreach
Cesar Garcia, Director of Parks & Recreation
Megan Pierce, Administrative Manager & Special Events Coordinator
Clarence Swannegan, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Lawrence Thomas, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
Kara Harrison, Aquatics Manager
Jennifer Ramirez, Grants & Finance Analyst
- IV. Review and Approve Minutes
Board Member Rose Tijerina made motion to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes, with Board Member Tad Lewis seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.
- V. Discussion, Updates and/or Action items
 - A. Update - Committee Chair (Charlyn Vaiani)
Board Member CharylN Vaiani discussed with the board and City staff members Gus Allen Dog Park Improvements completed, Kempner repairs needed; bench, lights and fountain, Wright Cuney Mulch and Hooper repairs needed; lights and fence.
 - B. Update – Special Events (Megan Pierce)
Megan Pierce gave an update on upcoming events Iron Man, Grandparents festival, Golf Cart Parade, Juneteen Parade, Fourth of July Parade.
 - C. Update - Maintenance Division (Clarence Swannegan)
Clarence Swannegan gave an Update on new plan of scheduling and zone maps and Evening/Night Crew.
 - D. Update - Recreation Centers (Lawrence Thomas)
Lawrence Thomas was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, Parks & Recreation Manager Sheila Smith gave an update in his place, with updates on Wright Cuney’s opening to children.
 - E. Update - Lasker Community Pool (Kara Harrison)
Kara Harrison gave an update of the new hours of operation to the public, freeze repairs, deck completion and upcoming Senior Party at Lasker Pool.
 - F. Update - Community Relations, Better Parks for Galveston (Barbara Sanderson)

Barbara Sanderson gave an update on the past warming center for the freeze, new plaza at City Hall and Cinco De Mayo will be in the Fall.

G. Update – Parks and Recreation Department (Cesar Garcia)

Cesar Garcia gave an update on opening our recreation centers, updates at Wright Cuney new flooring, Pour in Play for playground RFP, repairs at Lassie League and new outside Fitness equipment.

- VI. The Public shall be allowed to address the Advisory Board on each Agenda Item as it is discussed. **Each participant is limited to 3 minutes.**
- VII. Council Representative Report
- VIII. Directors Report
- IX. Board Members Report or Comments
Board Member Polizin gave update of the past event at Kempner Park. Board Member Tad Lewis gave report of Kempner, and asked about Menard Park Garden fencing. Cesar Addressed.
- X. Guest(s)
- XI. Discussion Items for Inclusion on Next Agenda
- XII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on May 17, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Janet M. 6/9/2021