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Municipal Complex, Development Services Conference Room
120 W. 7th Street, Anna, TX 75409

The Parks Advisory Board of the City of Anna met at 6:00 PM, on December 19th, 2022, at the Municipal Complex, Development Services Conference Room, located at 120 W. 7th Street, to consider the following items:

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Parks Advisory Board Member Elden Baker called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Parks Advisory Board Members Jeff Reece, Jon Schwyzer, and Eirik Hansen were absent.

Staff present included Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services Jeff Freeth, Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand, and City Council Member Stan Carver.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Parks Advisory Board Member Elden Baker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Reports

- a. Parks Superintendent Matt Lewis reported on Parks Maintenance including adding new water fountains to Natural Springs Park and Slayter Creek park, clearing out medians on FM 455, adding concrete walkway at Natural Springs park, etc. Trash receptacles and splash pad structures at Slayter Creek park are being removed to be repurposed elsewhere.
- b. Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services Jeff Freeth reported on recreation programs and events including 12 days of Christmas, meet our local heroes, future touch a truck event, working on youth baseball and softball registration. New part time coordinator and new full-time youth programming coordinator have been hired.

4. Project Updates

- a. Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand provided an update on the Bryant Park project that request for approval has been sent to council for professional services agreement to masterplan the park.
- b. Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand provided an update on the Johnson Park field lighting project has moved into the construction phase.
- c. Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand provided updates on the following projects at Slayter Creek Park: T-boxes for disc golf course is approved to be installed. Future construction projects sign has been installed. The new bathroom building has been designed, waiting for engineering to be completed. Proceeding with concrete pad for fitness station. Bidding on practice field lighting. Splash pad design is complete and city manager has approved it and construction phase is set to begin. Wheeled sports project is still in design phase and city is looking into options for repurposing existing equipment. Pickleball and basketball is scheduled to be bid in the summer to avoid conflict with other construction projects at this location. Parking lot expansion is planned to be bid in beginning of 2023.



- d. Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand provided updates on Henry Clay "Yank" Washington park is in the bidding phase to install water fountains, irrigation, half-court basketball courts, more benches, and a picnic table.
- e. Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand provided updates on Natural Springs Park secondary parking lot project noting that it is almost complete with construction documents and an electrical engineer is on contract.
- f. Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand gave an update on a future Sports Complex project that they are looking for a broker for land acquisition.
- g. Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand stated there will be initiation of a plan for trails in the spring.
- h. Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand gave update on train locomotive project at Sherley Heritage Park stating that the rail car is arriving tomorrow.

5. Individual Consideration

- a. Discuss "Telling our Story" and future communication opportunities.

Promotional videos were shown for the city's parks and events.

- b. Discuss, Consider and Act on Parks Advisory Board meeting minutes from November 21st, 2022.

MOTION: Parks Advisory Board Member Donald Henke moved to approve the Minutes. Parks Advisory Board Member Elden Baker seconded. Motion carried.

- c. Discuss the Project Advocate Community/Recreation Center Project Kickoff.

Developing a project charter for the project was discussed. Task force creation was discussed to include the 7 Parks Board advisory members, 2 city council members to be selected, and adding 2 members from AISD that work directly with youth sports, and a member from the EDC board. Greg Peters and Jeff Freeth will be involved as city staff. Meetings will be once a month and virtual meetings will be scheduled as needed.

6. Adjourn

Parks Advisory Board Member Elden Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

ATTEST: _____

Marc Marchand, Director of Neighborhood Services