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**MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Andra Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Vacant	Place 1, Member
Andra Dunn	Place 2, Chairperson
Kim Irving	Place 3, Secretary
Tim Bobseine	Place 4, Member
Darlene Chavious	Place 5, Member
And	
Andrew Neal	City Council Liaison
Timothy Hamilton	Director of Parks and Community Services
Brian TenEyck	Assistant Director of Parks and Community Services
Vickie Vickers	Recreation Center Senior Events Coordinator
Jeannette Garcia	Planner I

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andra Dunn led a moment of silence to remember Place 1 Member Stan Hill. His contributions and presence are deeply missed this evening.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of outstanding volunteer

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, acknowledged Milind Pandit as a distinguished volunteer for the Active Adult Center. He has been with the center for four years, volunteering over 200 hours of service each year, and he currently holds the position of Sergeant-at-Arms. In recognition of

his service and dedication, Mr. Pandit was presented with a Volunteer Service Award certificate.

2. Upcoming Parks and Community Services special events
Brian TenEyck, Asst. Director of Parks and Community Services, reminded the Parks Advisory Board members of upcoming special events scheduled from now through the 2025 fiscal year to include the following: Hometown Christmas, Dec. 7, 2024; Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 14, 2024; Family Dance & Daddy/Daughter Dance, Feb. 8, 2025; Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, and Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off.

3. Spooktacular Yard Decorating contest winners

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, announced the winners of the 2024 Spooktacular Yard Decorating Contest as follows: the Animation Award went to 5312 Bison Ct.; the Spookiest Award went to Mr. Michael Rhoades of 6513 Kary Lynn Dr. S.; and the Judges Favorite Award went to Patricia Neal of 5900 Hanson Dr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No request for public comment received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson Dunn called for Public Testimony for action items and there were four (4) participants requesting to speak.

Danielle (Dani)Tucker - 5952 Highcrest Drive Watauga TX 76148 – Action item 2
William Poppe Jr – 6109 Melody Lane Watauga TX 76148 – Action item 2
Sarra Poppe – 6109 Melody Lane Watauga TX 76148 - Action item 2
Chascity Woolverton - 6104 Melody Lane Watauga TX 76148 – Action item 2

All agreed, and Option A was recommended. It is not age-restrictive and includes separate play areas for infants, toddlers, and school-age children. It also encourages play and fun.

REPORTS

1. Update on Parks, Recreation & Active Adult Services

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, reported a decrease in check-in attendance during September and October 2024 due to the school year resuming. The Fishing Derby was well attended, and Movies in the Park and Concerts in the Park were popular with residents. Grace E. Hardeman won the School Spirit Award, while Running Scared and the Halloween Bash saw

increased participation, with the latter drawing an estimated 3,100 attendees.

The Active Adult Senior Center maintained strong participation in activities like Bingo Bash, yoga, dance classes, music time, and board games. Assistant Director Brian TenEyck emphasized the importance of teamwork, highlighting the department's efforts in event support, including setup, takedown, and active involvement, as well as park maintenance tasks such as mowing, trimming, playground repairs, and landscaping. Board member Tim Bobseine also recommended recognizing local business sponsors for their contributions to city events. The Parks Division remains dedicated to maintaining the city's parks and fostering community engagement.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the September 3, 2024, Parks Advisory Board Minutes

Chairperson Dunn entertained a motion. Kim Irving, Place 3 made a motion to approve the Sept. 3, 2024 minutes as presented and Tim Bobseine, Place 4 seconded the motion.

With there being no discussion, Chairperson Dunn called for a vote, with members present voting as follows:

AYES:	Dunn, Irving, Bobseine, Chavious
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

The motion carried 4-0-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and selection of the following officers:
Chairperson
Vice-chairperson
Secretary

Chairperson Dunn entertained a recommendation of Chairperson. Member Bobseine made recommendation of Andra Dunn as Chairperson.

Chairperson Dunn entertained a recommendation of Vice-Chairperson. Member Irving made recommendation of Member Darlene Chavious as Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Dunn entertained a recommendation of Secretary and made recommendation of Member Kim Irving as Secretary.

Chairperson Dunn entertained a motion for the nominated selection of officers. Member Irving made a motion to approve the officers as recommended and Member Bobseine seconded the motion. With there being no discussion, Chairperson Dunn called for a vote, with members present voting as follows:

AYES: Dunn, Irving, Bobseine, Chavious
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried 4-0-0-0.

2. Make a recommendation to City Council on the playground and design for Virgil Anthony Park

Option A offers an age 2-5 feature and 5-12 structure. Option B offers a 5-12 structure only. Colors on any of the structures can vary. Color is fun; however, red does not do well in Texas.

Discussion was also had regarding the existing shade structure and whether the proposed swing set location will have shade. Director Hamilton advised that the existing shade structure will remain in place. Also noted were that Option A meets the requirements of the CPSE and ASTM. The structures are also accessible for all.

During the May 7, 2024 Parks Advisory Meeting, a recommendation was made to the City Council to consider the replacement of Virgil Anthony Park's playground in the FY25 budget.

Chairperson Dunn entertained a motion for recommendation to council. Member Chavious made a motion to recommend approval of playground design option (A) for Virgil Anthony Park to the council. Member Bobseine second the motion. With there being no further discussion, Chairperson Dunn called for a vote, with members present voting as follows:

AYES: Dunn, Irving, Bobseine, Chavious
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion carried 4-0-0-0.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chairperson Dunn requested a discussion on scheduling future meet-and-greet events with community members to address concerns related to parks.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further items to discuss, Chairperson Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED: this the 7th day of January, 2025

SIGNED: this the 7th day of January, 2025.

A. Dunn /s/

APPROVED: _____
Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST:
Kim Irving /s/
Secretary

NOTE: Original Audio Recording of this meeting is preserved and maintained by the City Secretary's Office.