

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JONESTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2023, 7:00 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 18649 FM 1431, SUITE 3A, JONESTOWN, TEXAS.

Chair: Colleen O'Brien (Place 3) Vice Chair: Patricia Buckley (Place 4)	Charles McCormick (Place 1) Michael Latos (Place 2) Darell Dansby (Place 5)	Ellen Koncak (Alternate 1) Laura Heihn (Alternate 2)
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A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER **CHAIR COLLEEN O'BRIEN**

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Buckley, Members McCormick, Latos, Dansby, & Alternate Koncak

Staff Present: Galen Hodge

Guests: Katrina Baldazan and Alderwoman Linda Bush

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the March 27, 2023, regular meeting was made by Mykal Latos and seconded by Charles McCormick. The motion passed unanimously,

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Meeting was opened to the citizens for their communications. No discussion.

C. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Project Update from Ann DaPrato, Parks & Recreation Coordinator on existing and upcoming improvements to the park facilities.

Ann was not able to attend the meeting but did provide a report. City is picking up brush on a very limited basis due to limited work force. Request made to clean up the hanging branches in Veterans Memorial Park.

2. Discussion and possible action on the landscaping design at the Jones Brothers Park (JBP) monument

Buckley gave an outstanding presentation on a proposed design for the JBP entrance which incorporate low maintenance, drought, and heat tolerant plants with plenty of color. Buckley moved to adopt the plan. Dansby moved to second. The motion passed unanimously.

Request was made to have the Fire Dept provide supplemental watering again when needed.

Buckley gave a presentation and provided information on Oak Wilt, an ongoing concern in our community.

3. Discussion on brush burning activities in JBP

City of Jonestown burned the huge pile of brush at JBP without forewarning to the citizens. A blanket of ash covered the immediate neighborhood.

- 4. Discussion and possible action on pursuing grants for park beautification**
Buckley gave a presentation outlining the need to apply for grants to enhance the Jonestown parks. Organizations such as Keep TX Beautiful are available and outlined the process for applying. Buckley agreed to chair a Keep Jonestown Beautiful committee.
Latos motioned to present the idea to City Council and to move forward with the application process, McCormick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Status update on engineer's progress for improvements to JBP (restrooms, roadways, stage)**
There was no progress information available.
- 6. 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Ventek income from JBP (year to date)**
There was a reported income of approximately \$500. Operations costs \$303.75 per month
- 7. Committee Meeting Tuesday morning to review and discuss alternatives to the \$20 parking fee in JBP for non-Jonestown citizens.**
O'Brien stated she will attend.
- 8. Update from Vice Chair Patti Buckley on Community Volunteer Program**
Buckley gave a presentation on expanding and tracking volunteers. Track It Forward (\$15/month and Volgestics (\$9/ month) are available software programs that allows organizations to set hours and event for volunteer opportunities.
Buckley made a motion to present the plan to city council for their consideration, Dansby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Discuss on proactive tree care, especially from oak wilt.**
Buckley gave a presentation on Oak Wilt, an ongoing concern among the community. It was recommended that the City put preventative information on the website, on the marquee, and pass out flyers. Buckley made a motion to have a certified arborist evaluate the city trees for possible preventive treatment and protection from Oak Wilt. Dansby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10. Discussion and possible action on becoming Tree City Certified**
Buckley provided handouts and gave a presentation on the process for the city to become tree certified through Tree City USA, an Arbor Day Foundation program. Buckley made a motion to pursue Jonestown getting Tree City Certification. Dansby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Event Updates and subsequent Board discussions:

a. Spring Concert Series

The outdoor concerts were discussed.

b. Drive In Movie

Rescheduled to May 19th due to rain

c. Free Friday Flicks

Elvis is scheduled for May 5th, Top Gun Maverick is June 2nd

d. Lakeside 5K

Contract for timer company

Dansby reported money has been allocated for the 5K race, and contracts with an official timer has been signed. NS Chamber of Commerce has been asked for volunteers. Buckley has volunteered to be the race announcer.

e. Discussion and possible action on relocating Lago Vista 4th of July 5K to JBP on July 1st

There was discussion on relocating the Lago Vista 4th of July Firecracker race to JBP. No decision was made.

f. Jonestown Street Fair

Music vendors are being lined up for the JT Street Fair.

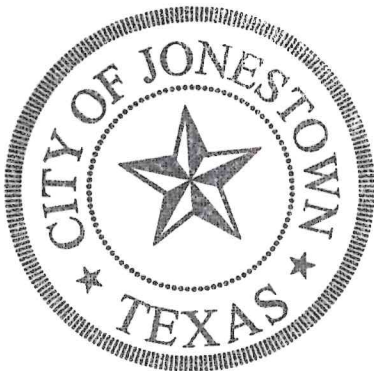
g. Community Clean-up date

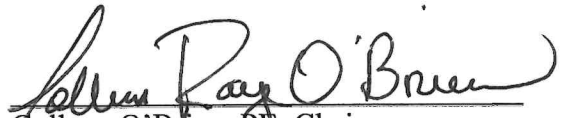
A community cleanup was discussed for the Canyonland Trail and other park areas. This will be an ongoing discussion.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairman O'Brien at 9:07 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2023.




Colleen O'Brien, PE, Chair

ATTEST:


Sandra Barton, City Secretary