# **Public Tree Advisory Board Meeting**Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers 1311 Chestnut Street Bastrop, TX 78602 (512) 332-8800



### AGENDA — February 3, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- STAFF AND BOARD BRIEFINGS
- 2A. Parks and Recreation Report
- Bastrop State Park Report
- Recreation Report
- 2D. Bird City Coalition Report
- Council Liaison Report
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. To address the Board, please submit a fully completed request card to the Board chairperson prior to the beginning of the meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, city Boards cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, city Boards are limited to making a statement of specific information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to city staff for research and possible future action.

It is not the intention of the City of Bastrop to provide a public forum for the embarrassment or demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Board to allow a member of the public to slur the performance, honesty, and/or integrity of the Board, as a body or any member or members of the Board, individually or collectively, nor any members of the city's staff Accordingly, profane, insulting, or threatening language directed toward the Board and/or any person in the Board's presence will not be tolerated.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the January 6, 2022 regular meeting.
- 5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION
- 5A. Update and discuss Parks Master Plan
- 5B. Update and discuss Minerva Delgado Park
- 5C. Update and discuss Graffiti Wall
- 5D. Update and discuss Disc Golf in Bob Bryant Park

### ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting is posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place of convenience that is readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, <a href="https://www.cityofbastrop.org">www.cityofbastrop.org</a>. Said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. and will remain posted for at least two hours after said meeting is convened.

Victoria Psencik, Deputy City Secretary



MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 2A

TITLE:

Parks and Recreation Report

### **STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:**

Thomas Martinez, Crew Leader Parks & Recreation Curtis Hancock, Director of Public Works

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Review staff Parks and Recreation January operational report. Report will be in the agenda packet.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Parks operational update

### Parks Update:

- Parks staff pruned trees at Bob Bryant.
- Replaced old trash cans at Ferry and Fishermans park, as well as Little League.
- Worked on drainage issues and extended an irrigation line at City Hall.
- Worked on the installation of a Memorial bench, in memory of Larry Kay Goodrich, Donated by Mr. Goodrich's family on the Riverwalk. They spot chosen was in perfect memory of Larry and his love of water and fishing.
- Removed a tree hazard at Fairview Cemetery.









MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 2B

TITLE:

Bastrop State Park Report

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:** 

Jamie Creacy, Park Superintendent, Lost Pines State Park Complex Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

Review Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 



MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 2C

TITLE:

**Bastrop Recreation Report** 

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:** 

Terry Moore, Bastrop Recreation Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

NA

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Recreation Report

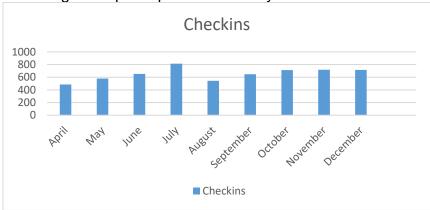


January 26, 2022

### Parks Board February Recreation Report

Membership remains stable with approximately 245 members. Maintaining the average between 240 and 250.

Watching class participation has really been fun!



January has been a great month. Adaptive chair yoga had 19 members 1/25. Adaptive Chair, Gentle Yoga, AOA Strong are showing great participation. The Mat Pilates and QiGong class numbers are growing as well. Then there is BollyX! It's growing with an attendance of 8 dancers this past Monday.

I will share the chart of participation every month so we can evaluate.

### Programs

- January will be our first Family Fun Night event. We will host this FREE to the public event every last Friday of the month. All ages are welcome. January theme is Cornhole!
- New program is the Monday Shakedown. It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. January had an attendance of 10 for chair volleyball. The goal is to create a educational, social environment. In Feb they will focus on heart healthy food.
- New on the group exercise schedule is Family Mat Pilates on Wednesday at 5:30pm.
- New in Feb Creative Dance. Classes are Wednesday 3:30 for ages 3 to 6 and 4:30 for ages 7 to 10. It's a 9 week program with the last week being a performance.

### Social Media

January Promotion – National Blood Donor Month

Held blood drive on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

February Promotion – American Heart Month

Hosting a Heart Healthy Charcuterie class on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

Facebook Group currently has 779 members.

New afterhours, keyless entry will be made available to members on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Members will have the opportunity to purchase a key fob for \$5 that will give them access to the rec center gym anytime between 6am and 9pm, Monday through Sunday, including holidays.

Respectfully Submitted by: Terry Moore



# City of Bastrop RECREATION





## OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE WITH MEMBERSHIP



FOR MORE INFORMATION 512-332-8805

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FAMILY MAT PILATES WEDNESDAY 5:30PM

FAMILY CONDITIONING SATURDAY 8:30AM



MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 2D

TITLE:

Bird City Coalition Report

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVE**:

Kerry Fossler, Board Member Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

Bird City Coalition Report



### BASTROP BIRD CITY BASTROP REPORT FOR CITY OF BASTROP PARKS BOARD MEETING February 3, 2022

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- LITTLE HIKES every 2nd Friday 8:30a-10:00am
  - o February 11 Riverbend Trail at Pecan Park park near 293 Rimrock Ct.
  - o March 11 Colorado River Refuge Two Bridges Trail
- BIG SITS every 4th Saturday 8:30a-10:00am
  - o February 26 Fisherman's Park
  - o March 26 Bob Bryant Park
- FUTURE MEETINGS IN PERSON at CITY HALL

(every 6 weeks – Wednesdays 1:30pm)

o Mar 1, Apr 13, May 25

### **UPCOMING COLLABORATIONS**

New bird parking lot banners are up in Downtown Bastrop!!





MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 2E

TITLE:

Council Liaison Report

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:** 

Dock Jackson, Council Liaison Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

Review Council Liaison January report and/or comments.

ATTACHMENTS:

• NA



MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 4A

### TITLE:

Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the January 6, 2022 regular meeting.

### STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Sandy Holder, Public Works Technician Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

### **POLICY EXPLANATION:**

Section 551.021 of the Government Code provides as follows:

- (a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a tape recording of each open meeting of the body.
- (b) The minutes must:
  - 1. State the subject of each deliberation; and
  - 2. Indicate the vote, order, decision, or other action taken.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve, amend, or correct the minutes of the January 6, 2022 Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

January 6th DRAFT Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes

### MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD

### January 6, 2022

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present were Margaret Robinson, Betty Rucker, Kerry Fossler and Steven Fobert. Absent were Board Members Barbara Wolanski, Jamie Creacy, Sarah Rooney, Bastrop Recreation Terry Moore and Liaison Councilman Dock Jackson. Staff present were Public Works Director Curtis Hancock and City Arborist Thomas Martinez.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:01 p.m. Vice Chair Margaret Robinson called the meeting to order.

### 2. STAFF, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS

### 2A. Parks and Recreation Report

Report was given by staff Thomas Martinez.

### 2B. Bastrop State Park Report

No report was given.

### 2C. Recreation Report

Report submitted by Terry Moore was read.

### 2D. Bird City Coalition Report

Report was given by Board Member Kerry Fossler.

### 2E. Council Liaison Report

No report was given.

### 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

# 4A. Consider action to approve Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board minutes from the December 2, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Board Member Betty Rucker and seconded by Board Member Steven Fobert. Vote was unanimous.

### 5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

### 5A. Update and discuss Parks Master Plan.

Public Works Director Curtis Hancock gave an update.

### 5B. Update and discuss Pickle Ball

Public Works Director Curtis Hancock gave an update.

### 5C. Update and discuss Graffiti Wall

Public Works Director Curtis Hancock gave an update.

### 6. WORKSHOP SESSION

Parks Master Plan

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Betty Rucker made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm. Board Member Kerry Fossler seconded. The vote was unanimous.



MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 5A

### TITLE:

Update and discuss on Parks Master Plan

### STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

This Parks and Recreation Master Plan will encompass a comprehensive analysis of the City's parks and recreation assets, an extensive community needs assessment, provide recommendations to development, recreation, policies, land acquisition, and prioritize needs based on the community's short and long-term parks and recreation needs. The Master Plan will also include Sports Complex Feasibility Study paid for through Type B (BEDC) funding of \$50,000.

The City applied for the grant in September of 2021 and received notice of grant award in December 2021.

Through acceptance of this grant, staff is seeking permission to peruse a plan to bring back a mid-year budget amendment for the addition of a new FTE in support of our commitment to the St. David's Foundation, the Emile Multicultural Center, and increasing service levels in both recreation and parks.

### **POLICY EXPLANATION:**

### **FUNDING SOURCE:**

The fiscal impact includes \$250,000 from St. David's Foundation Grant towards the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as well as a Sports Complex Feasibility Study funded by Type B (BEDC) funding of \$50,000. The grant agreement with the St. David's Foundation includes a city commitment of \$125,000 in dedicated staffing.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Assistant City Manager for Community Engagement Rebecca Gleason received approval by City Council at the January 25<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Memo

TO: Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager

FROM: Rebecca Gleason, Assistant City Manager for Community Engagement

DATE: January 25, 2022

SUBJECT: St. David's Foundation Grant

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### **City of Bastrop Parks & Recreation Master Plan:**

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The City of Bastrop Parks & Recreation Plan was written in 2008 and updated in 2015. Since that time, the City has grown substantially, and we have seen large shifts in our demographics as more families move to the area. Texas Parks and Wildlife recommends a community updates their master plan every 5 years and rewrites it every 10 years, so it is time to get an accurate representation of our community's needs and City assets.

For the City of Bastrop, this Master Plan is a necessary step in ongoing efforts to create a robust recreation program as well as investing in raising the quality of life for our citizens through our parks. It is also an opportunity, through the creation and implementation of a vigorous community engagement plan, to begin building and improving relationships in our community with special focus paid to historically underserved groups, Bastrop area youth, and those new to the City of Bastrop.

### St. David's Foundation Grant Commitment:

The City applied for the St. David's Foundation grant to pay for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in the amount of \$250,000 in September of 2021 and received notice of the grant award in December 2021.

In particular, the City of Bastrop has committed to St. David's Foundation:

- \$125,000 or more in dedicated key FTE equivalents, value of which was provided to St. David's Foundation by the City.
- Two written reports that include a narrative summary of accomplishments and challenges with more reports to be given upon request.
- Utilization of Bastrop County Cares to ensure authentic community engagement through design and implementation of the needs assessment, selection of the Master Plan consultant, and to guarantee efforts are congruent with other developing local efforts.
- A one-year time period for completing the work. Accordingly, the City plans to immediately begin the process of selecting master plan consultants, and to ask Council to approve the consultant selection in June of 2022.

### **Emile Multicultural Center Commitment:**

When the City of Bastrop applied for this grant, the Emile Multicultural Center was not yet part of the City's plans for our recreational future. Since the realization of this exciting project, the City has committed through a letter of intent, to engage in a cooperative endeavor through a series of real estate transactions, historical designation, programing, and construction efforts in furtherance of building, maintaining, and operating a multicultural and recreational structure.

### Fiscal Year 2022 Budget:

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Emile Multicultural Center, and the ongoing efforts to develop recreation programing (including the development of a comprehensive fee schedule for both parks and recreation) are expected to take substantial staff resources for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022 and well into the future.

The Fiscal Year 2022 base budget currently supports one person devoted to the recreation effort which is our Recreation Manager. The position is currently being filled by contract with a consultant, but interviews are scheduled, and that position will be filled in February of 2022.

The City's commitments to the Emile Multicultural Center Project, the requirements of the St. David's grant, the scope of our Parks & Recreation Master Plan, and the level to which our current recreation programing has so quickly grown, justifies the commitment of this increased level of funding in recreation.

Our preliminary plans for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, consistent with our efforts to enhance recreation programing into the future, would have included a recommendation to increase FTEs in the area of recreation to two (2) in order to help carry out the outcomes of our Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Sports Feasibility Study. Given the timing of the work that needs to be done over the next few months, and to ensure the City of Bastrop is able to fully leverage the opportunities before us for our citizens, the new recommendation is to provide the full-time position in Fiscal Year 2022 with a mid-year budget amendment that will be brought back to Council.

### **Future of City of Bastrop Recreation:**

In accordance with Council discussions from the Pre-Budget Planning Meeting in May of 2021, and in support of the Focus Area of Uniquely Bastrop, Unique Environment, and Fiscal Responsibility, the City of Bastrop City Council directed staff to pursue steps in building a robust parks and recreation program to better support our community's quality of life. Staff is still creating the detail around how to best achieve that goal within current and future resources, but the proposed additional FTE, as mentioned above, would be a step towards recreation being addressed at a department level with elevated presence on the organization chart in furtherance of increasing service levels in both recreation and parks.



MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 5B

TITLE:

Update and discuss on Delgado Park.

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:** 

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

In the early 1900s, it was known simply as "the Mexican school" and looked more like a shack than an institution for learning. It was later renamed Mina Ward School and enrolled about 30 students, including among them a Mexican-American girl named Minerva Delgado.

In 1947, Delgado's grandparents asked Bastrop school officials to allow their granddaughter to attend the Anglo school instead. After they were denied, a San Antonio lawyer, along with the League of United Latin American Citizens, filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of Delgado and 20 other Mexican-American students in four local school districts in November 1947.

The suit was titled Minerva Delgado v. Bastrop Independent School District of Bastrop County.

In the trial, a federal judge determined that segregation of children "of Mexican or other Latin American descent" was unconstitutional. It marked the beginning of Mexican-American integration into Texas schools.

Shortly after, Mina Ward School was closed by federal order. Soon, the site where it once stood will be designated with a historical marker to honor its place in American history as an early battleground for civil rights.

In addition to the marker, the city will open a public park about a half mile from the old schoolhouse, in a vacant lot at the end of Water Street, to be named in honor of Delgado. It is a nod to not only her personal significance but that of the Mexican-American community in Bastrop.

The City Council on May 9, 2017, approved the purchase of the land for \$119,000, as well as its naming.

### **POLICY EXPLANATION:**

The Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board serves in an advisory role to the City Council and may make recommendations for actions to be considered as related to the parks.

### **FUNDING SOURCE:**

N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS:

N/A





MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 5C

### TITLE:

Update and discuss Graffiti Wall in Fisherman's Park

### STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

During the October 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Rhian Nicholson requested the city to consider providing a Graffiti Wall in Fisherman's Park.

Graffiti was started in the late 1960's in Philadelphia by two artist named Cornbread and Cool Earl.

Graffiti has a lot of cons but it also has its pros. Graffiti is seen as a type of art to some people and as vandalism to others.

### Cons:

- Can be viewed as vandalism
- It is illegal unless they receive permission
- Vapors from the spray paint are released into the atmosphere
- The cost to remove
- Graffiti can be used by gangs to mark their territory
- Curse words & inappropriate images
- It is technically destroying someone property

### Pros:

- It's a type of art
- It's a way for artists to express themselves
- It gives life to a blank wall

### **POLICY EXPLANATION:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** 

**ATTACHMENTS:** 



MEETING DATE: February 3, 2022 AGENDA ITEM: 5D

### TITLE:

Update and discuss the Disc Golf in Bob Bryant

### STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Curtis Hancock, Public Works Director

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, City Council approved the donation from Lost Pines Alliance Disc Golf Club for eighteen (18) disc golf baskets to installed in Bob Bryant Park.

Thomas had scheduled a workday for Saturday, October 9th to clean the area and layout the course.

Lost Pine Disc Golf Club has all the sponsor for the Veteran Basket

Lost Pines Disc Golf Club has recommended naming the course "Bird City Disc Golf Course".

Please see the attached map of the course.

John Castruita talked with the Tournament Director David Feldberg who ran the Nationals Amateur Disc Golf Tour Championships back in Nov 2021 with over 1000 players from around the USA. The event generated over 3 million dollars for Austin and the surrounding towns using 14 courses. The city of Austin agreed to run it again in Nov 2022 and maybe make it permanent to be here every year. David Feldberg would like to use Bird City to be part of the next tour. This will generate a lot of revenue for the City of Bastrop. Motels and restaurants will benefit from this. The event will rent out the bird city course and pavilion for 4 to 5 days generating revenue for the city.

### **POLICY EXPLANATION:**

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### **FUNDING SOURCE:**

N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

