

**MINUTES OF THE PARK AND RECREATION  
BOARD OF THE CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS, TEXAS**

**June 27, 2019**

**STATE OF TEXAS** \*  
**COUNTIES OF DALLAS AND ELLIS** \*  
**CITY OF GLENN HEIGHTS** \*

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019, the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Glenn Heights met in a regular meeting at the Glenn Heights City Hall in Glenn Heights, Texas located at 1938 S. Hampton Road with the following members present:

**Board Members:**

Milton "Charles" Bell	*	Chairman
Jessica Cash	*	Board Member
Bryan Cornish	*	Board Member
Arnold Davis Jr	*	Board Member
Michael Leistner	*	Board Member
Abe Williams	*	Board Member

<b>STAFF:</b>	David Hall	*	City Manager
	Lauren Lewis	*	Community Engagement Administrator

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Mr. Arnold Davis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA**

**Item 1. Discuss and take action to approve Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes of the June 27, 2019 regular meeting.**

The body approved Minutes from June 27, 2019. Jessica Cash made a motion to approve the March 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Arnold Davis provided a second.

**VOTE: 6-0 Ayes** – Bell, Cash, Cornish, Davis, Leistner & Williams

**Item 2. Discuss and receive feedback from the Parks Board regarding the FY 2019-2020 budget plans. (David Hall, City Manager).**

City Manager, David Hall, addressed the body to provide a short overview of the upcoming budget and led a discussion to hear the Parks Board thoughts and feedback from the community on parks improvements to include in the 2019-2020 budget. Following are the suggestions made:

Chairman Bell suggested Heritage Community Park needs an alternate exit, especially after the mass exodus from Family Festival 2019.

Abe Williams suggested that this exit be addressed in the Bear Cree expansion improvement. He also suggested the construction of an amphitheater, purchasing uniformed park markers for all City owned parks, placing a basketball court at every city park and adding an additional basketball court at Heritage Community Park to conduct tournaments which might help to generate revenue, and last, suggested outdoor workout apparatuses.

Jessica Cash suggested making a permanent white wall on the side of the concession stand for the Movies in the Park. This space could then be used for other meetings where projection might be needed. She'd also like to see the basketball courts be updated and have more seating added and suggests painting the park and equipment in bright, primary colors that will attract children. She'd like to see a bike path at the parks that went around the perimeter of the current trail and would like to see more shade added as she thinks this would help to attract more visitors. Last, she recommends more furniture with color be added along our walking trails. A pool was also suggested.

Bryan Cornish suggested looking at the Community survey and building additional baseball fields to encourage tournaments. At this point, Mr. Hall shared the history with the fields and teams that have tried to start leagues within the City that have had no success.

Arnold Davis suggested revitalizing the soccer fields and re-turfing the courts. He also inquired about turfing the field to allow for football to be played in the park.

Lauren is to check the drive and look for notes that Michael Leistner provided (Aug. 30, 2018).

### **Item 3. Discuss and take action on Park Board summer engagement plans.**

Staff, Lauren Lewis, provided an update on the equipment used for Movie Nights in the Park before beginning the discussion around new events and plans that can potentially be budgeted for in the upcoming fiscal year. The Board agree to hold the dates of July 20, July 27 and August 3 to show Zootopia in conjunction with the Police Department. Staff is to go back to Chief Dooley and see which date would work best.

Staff transitioned the conversation to learn about ideas the Board has to expand summer engagement plans for the future. Suggestions include a community talent show, a BBQ competition, a bake-off, a chili cook-off, a game night and a Food Truck Yard. Staff reminded the board that several of the efforts have been attempted and will need the additional assistance of the board to both advertise and execute.

Board member Williams suggested board members walk their neighborhood and encourage neighbors to volunteer and attend events. Last, the board suggested purchasing a flatbed trailer to make a portable stage to be used at multiple events.

No action was taken.

### **Item 4. Discuss and take action on Back To School Bash activation and board participation.**

Staff, Lauren Lewis, shared plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Back To School Bash and asked the Board to assist with the planning and execution by assisting with the following areas: gathering school supplies, appealing to community organizations and sharing their connections to attract diverse vendors and organizations to participate in the community fair. We are looking to attract after school programs, enrichment programs, tutoring programs, sports leagues, arts and other interests and the food pantry. Staff shared plans to launch the coordinated effort with HOAs, churches and businesses to help gather additional supplies and asked the board to serve as community

ambassadors and assist with this effort.

No action was taken.

**Item 5. Discuss and take action to adjust and approve Cartney Slaughter's from the February 28, 2019 meeting.**

Jessica Cash made a motion to approve Cartney Slaughter's absence from February 28, 2019. Bryan Cornish provided a second.

**VOTE: 6-0 Ayes** – Bell, Cash, Cornish, Davis, Leistner & Williams

**Item 6. Consider and approve any absences per Ordinances No. 770-04.**

Belyne Bland-Xochihua, Kerston Crawford-Thorns, and Cartney Slaughter did not send any notice prior to their absence so they will be marked absent.

No action was taken.

**Item 7. Adjournment**

Jessica Cash made a motion and Michael Leistner provided a second for adjournment.

**VOTE: 6-0 Ayes** – Bell, Cash, Cornish, Davis, Leistner & Williams

**MEETING DISMASSAL: 8:55 PM**

  
Milton "Charles" Bell, Chairman

Attest:

  
Lauren Lewis, Parks Rec & Community Engagement Administrator

Passed and Approved 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

