

ELGIN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday March 24th, 2022 | 5:30 PM CST
Elgin Public Library Civic Center
404 N Main St, Elgin, TX 78621

I. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Chair, Katherine Salmon.

Members Present:

Elizabeth Marzec (Program Manager)
Katherine Salmon (Chair)
Tiffany Finley (Vice Chair)
Brad Kilgore (Secretary)
Stacey VanLandingham
Carlos Gandia
Charles Brown

II. **Approval of Minutes – January 2022**

Motion to approve by Carlos, seconded by Stacey, all approved.

III. **Citizen Communication**

None

IV. **Review**

A. PDD Agreements – Larson and Poth tracts to go to City Council April 5th

V. **New Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

A. Eagle Scout Presentation – George Ramsay gave a presentation for a dog park and gathering space. The proposal includes a bench and trellis w/ a climbing plant. George proposed to also have a QR code available for donations. The board brought up aspects to think about when constructing the planned amenities such as materials and longevity to hold up to wear and weather, interest in native vines instead of wisteria, and short/long term maintenance of the structures to combat wear and damage/vandalism. No surfacing elements were proposed for the plan. George took notes of the Board's recommendations to amend his plan. The Board was in favor of the dog park plan and a motion to move forward w/ the plan with the recommendations was made by Tiffany, seconded by Brad, all approved.

B. Veterans' Memorial Park Plan

Presentation was conducted by Amy Miller for the current Veterans' Park Plan which is bounded by Ave C to Ave A and Central Ave to Depot St. There are a few changes in the new Veterans' Park Plan from what was in the Parks Master Plan. The boundary is to be fenced with a clear plastic coated chain link fence. The first phase is to be near police dept on the Depot St side of the park. Funding has been approved by the CO bond for this first phase of over \$500,000. First phase is going to be a railroad themed playscape w/ bonded rubber mulch. Signage is to be throughout the park w/ information about the area. Funding is being pursued via grants for the splash pad and the outdoor classroom. The T-Mobile Grant is going towards Wi-Fi, an outdoor classroom, and trees. A walking track is designed to encircle the park. The main deviation of the current plan from the Parks Master Plan is that the splash pad was moved to be near the proposed stage to create a continuous element.

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Public restrooms are to be available at the new CARTS Depot. Multi-use/purpose area (bounded by Ave B to Ave C, Central Ave to the railroad (RR) tracks) is proposed near the CARTS depot which is to include a pavilion. The skate park is being proposed from Ave A to Ave B and Central Ave to the RR tracks which will include a skilled transition for all levels of proficiency. Multiple seating areas are to be included to bind the areas together. The last quadrant (Ave A to Ave B, Depot St to RR tracks) is still the dog park which consists of a split large and small dog park. The surfacing of the dog park is TBD which may be grass, crushed granite, or paved depending on wear. The original Veterans' Park is to remain unchanged. A motion to approve the current park site plan was made by Brad seconded by Tiffany, all approved. Motion to approve grant writing to fund the plan by Carlos, seconded by Charles, all approved. The plan is being presented to the Main Street Board on March 29th.

C. "Arts in Parks" Public Art Plan – Postponed again, possibly to email.

VI. Report from Parks Director and Staff

A. Recreation Center and Park Operations Updates

The Rec Center studio is to be closed from April 22nd to June 8th due to voting.

Pickleball on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the gym

Bastrop Co Health Fest on April 2nd

Blood Drive – Slots recommended

Tea w/ the PD – On National Hot Tea Day

Nature Night & Field Day during Spring Break was a success w/ great community involvement from volunteers and the VFW.

Touch a Truck on March 17th had an amazing turnout

Picnic in the Park on March 18th @ Elgin Memorial was a success and had a good turnout

Work Day on March 19th by Ranch House Recovery @ Rec Center

March 20th the Cub Scouts helped plant trees and a native garden

Park Histories assembled a committee to meet on April 2nd to update information

B. Parks & Recreation Events, Programming and Classes

Open House to be held March 29th from 6:30 to 7:30 to show off the current park plan to the public.

Youth Skate Night @ Rec Center Rear Parking Lot – Tuesdays from 5:00PM – 7:00PM

Pickleball on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the Rec Center gym

Music in the Park starts again @ Elgin Memorial on April 1st

Bike Rodeo w/ Cub Scouts – Saturday April 9th from 2-4 PM

Local Lore – April 14th

Sesquicentennial: A leaflet was provided to go along w/ presentation from Amy.

Yearlong activities include; recording oral histories, publishing a new book about Elgin history, events like Celebrating Diversity and Community for 150 Years.

Music in the Park to kick off the activities. May is Explore Elgin Art and Culture with public guided tours, and market pop-up. June is Juneteenth Festival and Parade on Juneteenth, Sunday June 19th @ Thomas Park. Western Days will have floats for your favorite decade. August is to be Founders Day @ BTW to include

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history about BTW Elementary. Grand Dedication of a time capsule on December 3rd with a lighted parade. New Year's celebration on December 31st @ the VFW to include fireworks. The Sesquicentennial Committee is doing an amazing job at putting these events together.

VII. Announcements

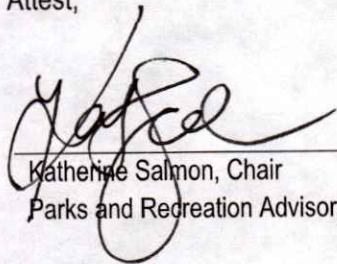
A. Upcoming Events:

Music in the Park starts again @ Elgin Memorial on April 1st
Bike Rodeo w/ Cub Scouts – Saturday April 9th from 2-4 PM
Local Lore – April 14th

Next meeting date: April 21st, 2022 at 5:30 PM @ Civic Center (Elgin Public Library)

VIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Brad, seconded by Carlos; all approved.
Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Attest,



Katherine Salmon, Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board



Brad Kilgore, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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