



**MINUTES**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Meeting**  
**Recreation Center Conference Room**  
**January 09, 2020**

**1. Determination of Quorum:**

**Present**

Myrta Garza – Parks Chairperson  
Joe Lee Rubio – Co-Chairperson  
Adrian Delgado – Member  
Hector Buentello Jr. - Member  
Carlos Velica, Jr. – Staff

Esli Ceballos – Member  
Mike Leinart – Member  
Benjamin Del Angel – Member  
Damaris McGlone – Parks Director  
Nurith Galonsky Pizana – City Commissioner

\*\*\*\*\*

**2. Meeting called to order by Parks Co - Chairperson, Mr. Joe Lee Rubio at 12:11 p.m.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**3. Pledge of Allegiance: United States Pledge \* Texas Pledge**

- The pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge led by Co - Chairperson, Mr. Joe Lee Rubio.

\*\*\*\*\*

**4. Public Comment Period:**

**PLEASE NOTE**

*The Public Comment Period is designated for Hearing Concerns Regarding City of Brownsville Public Policy or City of Brownsville Business that is not on the agenda.*

- Mr. Del Angel commented on the status of the trail by Burns Elementary school where they dug a ditch thru the middle of the trail. Parks Director commented that they are placing or installing fiber cables under the trail by Burns Elementary school for Wi-Fi connections. Any damages to the trail will be repair by the contractor.

\*\*\*\*\*

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of last meeting (November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019) approved on a motion by Mr. Mike Leinart, seconded by Mr. Adrian Delgado, motion carried.

**6. Statement of Appointed Officer & oath of Office for recently appointed or re-appointed of one (1) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member(s) to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Committee (Parks Chairperson)**

- Co-Chairperson, Mr. Rubio asked Mr. Hector Buentello, Jr. to stand and take the Statement of Appointed Officer & Oath of Office to be officially sworn in to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Committee. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Mr. Hector Buentello, Jr. was sworn in and witness by current Parks Board members and persons in attendance.

\*\*\*\*\*

**7. Discussion, Consideration and Action on Veterans Female United Memorial Enhancements (Arlene LaBoy – Veterans Female United)**

- Parks Director Damaris McGlone commented that she would be speaking on behalf of Arlene LaBoy and all the organization for Female United was asking for was for the Parks Advisory Board to acknowledge for them to be able to continue adding names to the existing statue. On a motion by Mr. Mike Leinart, seconded by Mrs. Esli Ceballos, motion carried to allow enhancements to the Veterans Female United Memorial at Veterans Park.

\*\*\*\*\*

**8. Safety Concerns (Parks Advisory Board)**

- Mr. Del Angel commented that the trails were looking good and clean. Commended the Parks Maintenance crew for doing an excellent job of maintaining the trails at Monte Bella clean as well.

**9. Discussion Period & Possible Action (15 Minutes)**

- Mr. Del Angel wanted to follow up on the land by Burns Elementary near the trail, if the Parks Department had found out anything on it. Parks Director reiterated that it is private property, not city property. Parks Director also commented if the Board wanted to do something there, placed on the city agenda, do a workshop and present it to the City Commission for them to review. Co-Chairperson Mr. Rubio motions for the board to do a presentation to the City Commission, on adding playground and fitness equipment on the trail next to Burns Elementary School. On a motion by Mr. Del Angel, seconded by Adrian Delgado, motion carried to do a presentation at the next City Commission meeting, once all the information has been gathered.

\*\*\*\*\*

**10. Director’s Report (Damaris McGlone – PARD Director)**

- Gave a brief update on the status of the Parks Advisory board and Chapter 24. Was left out when they updated all boards & committees but will be placed at the next City Commission agenda, so everything is fine.
- Updated on upcoming PARD/ City Events for the month of January. Also a quick update on the Jagou Resaca, Representatives from P.U.B. have it on their list for Resaca restoration, still pending approval of funds from Federal but won’t know until the FY2022.
- Apply for the Lone Star Legacy award for Dean Porter Park and hopefully we’ll get it this time.
- May be adding another event during Charro Days called “Crossroads”.

- Reviewed on major projects; Sam's' Pool, Grants, CIP's and advertising. Was approved to proceed at Linear Park to add ADA & public restrooms near Inclusion Caboose area. (see attached report)
- On a motion by Mike Leinart, seconded by Myrta Garza, motion carried to acknowledge the Directors Report.

\*\*\*\*\*

**11. Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.