MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Leander Activity Center
11880 Hero Way West, Suite 600
Leander, TX 78641

February 13, 2022 – 5:30 pm

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Jordan John - Chair		Steve Hanes
Carlos St. James- Assoc. Secretary	Chri	Chris Czernek – Council Liaison
Stephen Cook	Mar	Mark Tummons – Director, Staff Liaison
Paul Delafuente		

1. **Call to Order**
   Chair Hanes called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm

2. **Roll Call**
   All of the boardmembers were present except Boardmember Cook and Boardmember Delafuente

3. **Public Comments**
   The Pickleball active adult team was present. Crystal Firestone spoke. She wanted to bring to the attention of the boardmembers that they would love to have more courts for the seniors to play pickleball at.

4. **Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2023**
   A motion to approve the minutes was made by Boardmember St. James and then seconded by Boardmember John. They were approved unanimously.

5. **City Council Liaison Update**
   Council Liaison Czernek opened the floor for questions and discussion ensued.

6. **Staff Liaison Update:**
   Director Tummons introduced the new Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Greg Olmer, to the Board. He gave an update on the brush drop-off from the ice storm that included the Parks dept. will continue to pick up brush and work with Public Works to get everything cleared. He gave a brief update on the Recreation and fitness center but could not include details of the progress of the project due to privacy of property owners. He gave an update on the San Gabriel Athletic complex citizen input survey by sharing the number of surveys received. The update of the Parkland Dedication Revisions and next steps included sharing the details of the progress so far with various groups such as Planning and Zoning Commission and upcoming meeting with Home Builder Association. Lastly, Larry Werner gave an update on the Golf course, this included the financial details for the year and the

participation numbers for the year.

7. **Sub-Committee Updates:**
   - Natural/Environmental Resources sub-committee – there was no update at this time
   - Recreation/Athletic/Event sub-committee – Boardmember John said they had a great meeting and that they will be bringing something to the regular agenda soon
   - Parkland Development, Comp Plan sub-committee – Boardmember St. James began by sharing an update that he spent the day reviewing several potential park facility sites and he has some ideas to potentially be brought up later in a regular agenda item in the future

8. **Regular Agenda**
   a. City Secretary Crabtree gave a presentation of the Advisory Board and Commission Reference book to the Boardmembers.
   b. Staff Liaison Tummons highlighted the 3 subcommittees of the board and then discussion ensued between the Boardmembers on which subcommittees they wanted to volunteer for and participate in. Commissioners decided to table the topic until the next meeting in April.
   c. Commissioner John gave an update that included pointing out the need for more batting cages after he was able to speak to some players and coaches at Benbrook Park. He believes there is a need for 4 additional batting cages. He believes the next steps are looking at the financial costs for more cages. Commissioners John and Hanes suggested the batting cages be discussed at the next meeting with the prices of the netting presented.
   d. Parks Staff Anderson gave an update on the refund policy including the progress of the policy and the summary of what will be changing once it is approved. Boardmember Hanes motioned to approve the draft of the refund policy so that it can go to City Council. Boardmember St. James seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
   e. Staff Liaison Tummons introduced the representative for Whirlix Playground Designs. He gave a presentation on the selected playground designs to move forward with at Devine Lake and Robin Bledsoe Parks.
   f. Parks Staff Anderson presented the idea of a Feedback Team designed to help the Parks Board members get involved with events that the Parks and Recreation Department are offering by having them in charge of collecting feedback from the public attendees at the various events. A motion was made by Boardmember John to approve the implementation of a Feedback Team. Boardmember Hanes seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

10. **Adjourned**
    Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

CHAIR

SECRETARY