

CITY OF HURST  
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On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2022, at 6:00 p.m., the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened its Regular Meeting at the Hurst Public Library, 901 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present to-wit:

Rod Robertson	)	Chairman
Will Blackburn	)	Members
Pat King	)	
Alan Neace	)	
Leah Smith	)	
Doris Young	)	
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Hannah Ditgen	)	Community Services Management Assistant
Kristie Weaver	)	Interim Assistant Director of Community Services
Jennifer Kashner	)	Director of Senior Activities Center
Eric Starnes	)	Director of Facilities & Project Management
Madison Seil	)	Recreation Manager
Kori Ware	)	Recreation Coordinator
Paige Lutz	)	Recreation Administrative Assistant
Kathleen Nahidi	)	Parks Administrative Assistant

with no members absent, constituting a quorum, at which time the following business was transacted:

- I. **Call to Order:** Rod Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call of Members:** Paige Lutz conducted the Roll Call of Members.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Will Blackburn moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022, regular meeting. Motion seconded by Doris Young. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Blackburn, King, Neace, Robertson, Smith, Young

NO: None

***At the request of staff, the following item was moved to the top of the agenda.***

IV. **Staff Report:**

D. **Staff Activities:**

- 1. **New Personnel:** Kristie Weaver, Interim Assistant Director of Community Services, introduced the newest member to the Recreation Staff, Kori Ware. Ms. Ware is the Recreation Coordinator for Fitness Programming and Special Events. The Board welcomed Ms. Ware.

#### IV. Staff Report:

##### A. Directors' Quarterly Participation Report:

1. **Recreation Division:** Kristie Weaver presented the following Recreation Division statistics for the second quarter of the 2021-22 Fiscal Year:

Recreation Center Attendance	19,631
Recreation Active Members	1,929
Classroom Programs	187
Tennis Court Rentals	1,545
Tennis Lessons	600

2. **Senior Division:** Jennifer Kashner, Senior Activities Center Director, presented the following Senior Division statistics for the second quarter of the 2021-22 Fiscal Year:

Senior Activities Center Attendance	11,942
Number of Classes	515
Class Attendance	4,751
Fitness Center Participation	5,149
Number of Members	1,136

##### B. Special Event Highlights:

1. **Recreation Division:** Kristie Weaver presented a recap of recent events:
  - The annual *Daddy & Daughter Valentine's Ball* took place on February 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Hurst Senior Activities Center, with 211 in attendance.
  - The *8 to Great Healthy Hurst Challenge* took place from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-five participants challenged themselves to work out for 35+ days or track their weight loss.
  - *Dog Gone Egg Hunt* was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hurst Dog Park. The event offered free photos and Travelin' Tom's Coffee for 108 participants and 48 dogs.
  - The annual *EGGstravaganza* occurred on April 5<sup>th</sup> at Hurst Community Park; the event had an estimated 2,000 people in attendance. The event offered a petting zoo, pony rides, and photos with the Easter Bunny.
  - The annual *Adaptive Egg Hunt* took place on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Central Park. In addition to the egg hunt, the event included face painting, crafts, a petting zoo, and pictures with Mr. Bunny.

Ms. Weaver presented upcoming Special Events highlights:

- The *Concert in the Park* series begins on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Heritage Village Park. This free event will run through June 17<sup>th</sup>.

- A new fitness event, *Fitness in the Park*, starts on April 30<sup>th</sup> and is held on the Hurst Recreation Center lawn. The event will run through October 15<sup>th</sup> and offers a different fitness class each month. Classes will include Body Pump, Boot Camp, Yoga, and Pilates.
2. **Senior Division:** Jennifer Kashner presented a recap of the Senior Activities Center events.
- The *Soup and Socks* event occurred on January 18<sup>th</sup>, with 60 participants.
  - The annual *Hurst Senior Activities Center Memorial* was held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, with 30 in attendance.
  - The first *HSAC Talent Show* was held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, with 19 participants and 150 in attendance.
  - The *Business & Health Expo* occurred on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with 105 attendees.
  - The *Member Art Exhibit* is currently taking place and will run through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Kashner presented upcoming Special Events highlights:

- The annual *Golden Couples Dance* is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The *Grandparents Day* event will take place on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Works in Progress:**

1. **Dog Park:** Most items for the Dog Park are completed. The Parks Department is waiting for site furnishings to arrive.
2. **Old Animal Shelter Demolition:** The old Animal Shelter has been demolished. Site work continues as the contractor is preparing to install the barrier wall and gravel parking lot. Rod Robertson inquired if the sculpture at the old Animal Shelter was moved or placed in storage. Kyle Gordon replied that staff could not relocate the sculpture due to its deteriorating condition.
3. **Service Center Landscape Update:** Parks will update the landscaping along Cannon Drive in front of the Service Center barrier wall.
4. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 4:** The landscape median project east of Bell Flight Blvd. is complete. The City resumed maintenance of the medians this month.
5. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 5:** The City was awarded a Green Ribbon Grant to landscape the last median east of Bluebonnet Drive along the SH 10 corridor. Design is currently underway.
6. **Hurst Tennis Center Improvements:** Staff is reviewing funding options for the following improvements: replacement of the green masonry wall, roof

replacement, exterior trim replacement, painting, replacement of cast stone sills, and additional storage.

7. **Citywide Landscape Update:** Winter Storm Uri damaged and destroyed landscape throughout the City. Landscape replacement is ongoing, and tree mitigation has started.
8. **Aquatics Center Repair:** Slide and leak repairs are complete at Chisholm Aquatics Center. The wall repair at Central Aquatics is complete. The City is waiting on the vendor to repair the bottom of the hill slides.
9. **Lightning Detection System:** Waiting for materials to ship. Once received, the installation will take less than a week.
10. **Small Gym Floor Replacement:** The entire gym floor must be replaced due to a fire sprinkler leak affecting over 50% of the floor. Council approved funding on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and staff scheduled the replacement with the vendor for late summer or early fall. Eric Starnes displayed a project timeline for the Board.

**D. Staff Activities:**

1. **New Personnel:** *At the request of staff, some items were moved to the top of the agenda.*

Kristie Weaver reported that three new Parks employees have joined the City. She introduced Taylor Markle, Landscape Crew; Joaquin Aguirre, and Dakota Dulaney, Parks Crew.

2. **Organizational Update:** Kyle Gordon presented an Organizational Update. Mr. Gordon reported that five full-time Parks & Recreation positions are vacant, resulting in over 200 hours of lost productivity. Staff is actively reviewing how to absorb these organizational changes and move forward to deliver the best customer service to the City.

**V. Report of the Committee:**

**A. John Butler Memorial Senior Citizen's Banquet**

1. **Event Planning:** Kristie Weaver reported that the John Butler Memorial Senior Citizen's Banquet will occur at the Hurst Conference Center on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This change allows for meals to be cooked and prepared on-site and adds wait staff for table service.
2. **Donation Schedule:** The Door Prize List was distributed. Staff presented the timeline for securing the donations for the Board.

**VI. Communications:**

- A. **Recreation Division Marketing:** Kristie Weaver presented the social media presence for Parks and Recreation. She provided examples of recent social media posts and positive feedback from the community.
- B. **Senior Activities Center Marketing:** Jennifer Kashner presented the social media highlights for the Senior Activities Center. She noted that a copy of the May Senior Pipeline was at each member's place. Ms. Kashner presented several examples of recent social media posts.

VII. **Unfinished Business:** None to discuss at this time.

VIII. **New Business:**

- A. **Park Playground Replacement:** Kristie Weaver presented the Park Playground Replacement Project. She reported that staff is recommending the replacement of the playground near the Chisholm Park pavilions. The playground will remain as a 2-5 year's old unit comparable to what is there now, with additional components. The surfacing will remain as an engineered wood fiber surface.

The rubberized surface at the large playground at Chisholm Park has large cracks and areas where the surfacing is heavily damaged and needs to be replaced. In an effort to prevent this issue in the future, staff recommends replacing the surface with a high-impact synthetic turf designed for heavy use.

The surfacing at Vivagene Copeland Park playground is also experiencing cracking and damage due to heavy use and vandalism. Staff recommends removing the rubberized surfacing and replacing it with engineered wood fiber.

Ms. Weaver presented the Park Playground Project cost and timeline.

Pat King moved to approve the Park Playground Replacement as presented. Motion seconded by Alan Neace. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Blackburn, King, Neace, Robertson, Smith, Young

NO: None

IX. **Informational Items:**

- A. **Aquatics 2022 Operational Update:** Madison Seil, Recreation Manager, presented the Aquatics 2022 Operational Update. She reviewed staff's recruiting efforts in the last few months, including attending Job Fairs held at TCC and HEB ISD, school recruitments, signage, and social media posts.

Ms. Seil presented that these recruitment efforts resulted in a similar application trend as in 2021 and that the staffing shortfall for the 2022 Aquatics Season requires significant operational changes. Ms. Seil presented the modified operating hours at the Chisholm Aquatics Center, noting that the park would be open for public swim and private rentals. She reported that Central Aquatics Center will only be used for swim lessons and special events.

Ms. Seil informed the Board of the upcoming special events planned for the 2022 Aquatics Season at Central Aquatics Center. *Sensory Friendly Swim* will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff has two Dive-In Movies scheduled for this year: June 18<sup>th</sup> will feature the Disney movie *Luca*, and July 9<sup>th</sup> will feature Disney's *Finding Nemo*. *Doggie Dive-In* will take place on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chisholm Aquatics will host *Season Pass Holder Night* on June 19<sup>th</sup>. *Play Safe: Drowning Prevention* will take place on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, Hurst hosts the *North Texas Guard Games* this year on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Opening day for the 2022 Season is Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Stars & Stripes Preview:** Kristie Weaver presented the Stars & Stripes preview. She noted that the event will take place on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at Hurst Community Park. The event will feature two bands, *Big City Outlaws and Emerald City*. The fireworks display will begin at 9:30 p.m. VIP parking will be available at the Hurst Senior Activities Center. Staff will deliver Board event packets in June.
- C. Bellaire Park Redevelopment Update:** Kyle Gordon reported that the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District is working on a land swap agreement with the City. The District plans to build a new campus for Bellaire Elementary and would like the students to remain in the existing building while the construction is in progress; this requires building the new campus on the two acres of land located at Bellaire Park. In exchange, the District will trade 3.6 acres of land located at the former West Hurst Elementary location. The land would become a part of Hurst Community Park. Mr. Gordon reviewed the plans for the new campus at Bellaire. He noted that the City would keep and maintain a linear connection from the Bellaire Park parking lot on Tanglewood Drive to Pecan Street. Additionally, the playground located at the new campus would be made available to the community. Rod Robertson inquired if the City would have input on the new playground's design, and Mr. Gordon reported that the City would be involved in the playground's design.

Mr. Gordon presented the timeline of the Bellaire Park Redevelopment to the Board.

- D. FY22-23 Budget Process:** Kyle Gordon presented the FY22-23 Budget process and timeline. Mr. Gordon reported that the City Manager's Directive is to keep the budget flat, maintain existing services, focus on employee retention, and offset inflationary pressures. He reviewed the ongoing analysis staff is conducting of various fee structures for further revenue enhancements to offset rising expenses.

Mr. Gordon reviewed the Half-Cent Sales Tax Fund goals. The goals include absorbing General Fund operational increases, prioritizing deferred maintenance, and future project planning at Hurst Community Park, Hurst Recreation Center, and Central Park.

He noted that staff will present more budget information at the July 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting.

**X. Board Member and Citizen Comments:** Doris Young and Alan Neace complimented staff on the work that they are doing for the City.

**XI. Adjournment:** Doris Young moved to approve the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Will Blackburn. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Blackburn, King, Neace, Robertson, Smith, Young

NO: None

Rod Robertson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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RECORDING SECRETARY