

V A P a r k s

VA Parks Advisory Work Session Meeting Minutes

Location: Van Alstyne Community Center 262 Preston

Date: March 19, 2019

Attendees: Sue-Lynn Voigt, Maria Hickson-Grimmett, Greg Carrol, James Lewis, Katrina Arsenault Absent: Maricella Derrick Visitors: Lane Jones, Len McManus, Philip Neeley, Elizabeth McIlrath, Kim Phillips, VASA Representatives

Time: 6:30 pm

Agenda items

- I. Call to Order- Chairman, Sue-Lynn Voigt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- II. Public Comments- Lane thanked Dunaway for their hard work on this Master Parks Plan. He updated them on land planned for parks to include 10 acres for multi-purpose fields to include soccer and softball. The Downtown Park is in the discussion stages, with 1.6 acres secured for parking and an addition .83 acres for parking downtown. Len said that he wanted to clarify for the board as to why Georgetown was included in the Master Plan inventory. He said it was added because it is park property (private) but is available to a portion of the population in Van Alstyne and the parks are also located within the city limits.
- III. Discuss Dunaway Master Parks Plan. Lane brought up that the park board names need to be updated on the Master Plan. Katrina asked if the park board would use the previous park boards priority rankings. Sue-Lynn asked what everyone thought. Maricella brought up that we should leave as is because the Master Plan completion is behind schedule and made a motion to proceed with previous rankings. James seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Page 18 should be updated to read that Sanford Elementary is on 13 acres. Page 19 Katrina brought up the fact that the map is outdated and should be updated to show the VAISD Administration Building to be located just north of North Park. Also the building listed as VAISD Administration Building should just read Old Elementary Building because there is no clear plan for city use of this property at this time. Page 25- Greg brought up the fact that he does not understand the purpose of the Georgetown Pocket Park. He says it really doesn't offer

anything and is too small to add many features. He suggested to the City Engineer that the city require developers to make pocket parks larger if they are to be built. Maria made a motion to recommend to the city council that pocket parks be at least 2,000 square feet. Maricella seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Lane brought up that future population figures be changed to reflect a more current calculation as we have over 2,700 homes approved to be built within city limits. He will provide Dunaway with new figures. Mean and average rankings were explained to the board by Dunaway. The citizens were asked if certain items were important, such as lighting. The results showed that lighting was very important to most people, but when asked the same people to list which three items were their priorities, the lighting didn't show up as a top priority. This explained what looks like a discrepancy in the mean number results on the plan.

IV. New Business-

a) Review/Discuss and make a recommendation regarding application for Parks and Recreation Board open seat. Kim Phillips was one of two applicants and was present at the meeting. The board and Lane asked questions to applicant. She has many years of experience volunteering in various positions. Sue-Lynn admits that she knew Kim when they both lived in McKinney. James made a motion to recommend to City Council that Kim be placed on the Parks Advisory Board, Maricella seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Sue-Lynn abstaining from the vote.

V. Closing Comments by board members- Sue-Lynn said that she would like to thank VASA for attending the meeting and for all they do and that this board looks forward to working with them in the future.

VI. Adjournment- Katrina made a motion to adjourn, Maricella seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Sue-Lynn adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm. Next regular meeting is Thursday.

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Final comments regarding Parks Master Plan	Board	3/22/2019	Board will provide Lane with their corrections/suggestions to the Master Parks Plan

Find funding to add soft surface material to the North Park Playground area.

Lane

3/21/2019

and he will forward to Dunaway.

Lane is continuing to investigate and follow up on possibilities.

Meeting with VASA

Board Volunteers

3/9/2019

Lane, Greg and Sue-Lynn met with VASA.