

Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting

April 1st, 2024

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Jeff Reuer, Harris Houston, Lynn Greer
- Staff: Arielle Mann, Crystal Reed, Kristian Spann
- Public: N/A
- Observer: N/A

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Glass.

General Public comments: N/A

Commission Member Seat Update: Commission Member Milton Terre has put in a notice to resign from the Commission seat for the Recreation District. The commission will now entertain the application process to fill the vacant seat for the Recreation Commission Recreation District Member. The commission will pursue other avenues to gain applications to serve from the District.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4th, 2024 meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Jeff Reuer
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - All in favor, motion carried.
- Discussion: “All in favor, motion carried” was left off the March Minutes. It has been added and corrected for reports going forward.

Financial Reports:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the financial report for March 2024
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - Seconded by Commissioner Lynn Greer
 - All in favor, motion carried.
- Discussion:
 - Misc. Revenues – combination of donations for Central Creek Park.
 - Shifted funds from Recreation General Fund to other projects in Recreation.
 - We are conservative with our funds and roll over each year.
 - New Air Conditioning in the Gyms. Servicing equipment and taking care of problem areas especially in the Community Center building.
 - We have tripled our programs in the last few years. This has put a strain on maintenance. Trying to think through proceeding with maintenance division.
 - Just built Carolyn Lewis, Amphitheatre, Event Center, etc.
 - Partnership with the school system when we have large events.

- Chairman Glass mentioned the fields in front of Century Aluminum. Crystal Reed mentioned there are talks about the fields at Century Aluminum.
- The mayor and council have been having conversations about that space.
- Green space potential was mentioned regarding the space behind the fire department. There have been conversations about that being used for other department development.
- Central Creek Park: wooded space across from the park – there are talks about it opening up for Recreation use.
- In conversations with our City Administrator and Special Projects Manager, Recreation is always spoken highly of.
- Soccer: Foster Creek & Carolyn Lewis are combined this year. Next year we will have to run two separate leagues.
- We are rethinking how we operate as we change.
- All revenue has been coming in strong.

Recreation Director's Report – Crystal Reed:

- Athletic Numbers are steady. Nothing dramatically different. Addition of Carolyn Lewis fields for soccer. Teams will start practicing out at Carolyn Lewis fields after Spring Break.
- Issues: we top dressed the fields, and it will continue to take some work.
- Working on getting permits to level the field at Foster Creek.
- Central Creek Park is booming. Pi Day was a huge success. Quarterly skate nights where we shut down the covered pickleball courts and there have been talks about hosting it monthly.
- Commission Member Lynn Greer We are already at a place where we need to resurface the outdoor courts. We will have to resurface the courts often.
- Gymnastics Team is finishing up state meets.
- Special Events: BBQ & Brews was rescheduled. We lost vendors and the events changed, but there were still 2,000 people that attended.
- This past weekend we started another adopt a goose scavenger hunt. 21 around the city, 30 have been purchased. If you drive around town, you will see families being part of the scavenger hunt. It took a lot of effort to bring it together over the last month.
- One main question is if the city pays for the Geese. No taxes go towards it, the businesses pay for their geese.
- Commission Member Lynn Greer questioned: When a sponsor is identified and they pay the money, are they educated to why the geese are there? Yes, it's a way to generate business.
- Commission Member Harris Houston questioned the cost of the Goose: Goose Cost: \$2,000, the Goose, base, clearcoat and artist are all included in the cost of the Geese.
- Easter Egg Hunt this weekend. We've outgrown the space of the Easter Egg Hunt. We may have to move it to another field. There was a lot of traffic that day. Looking at adding activities at Dogwood Park as well.
- Splash Pad opened today at Central Creek Park. Positive feedback, good group of returning staff that knows what they're doing.
- Basketball and Soccer camps this week, as well as free programs throughout the city.
- Just offered the Athletics Specialist position to a new applicant. Hopefully he will accept the offer.

- Through with seasonal hires for lifeguards.
- We are full for the Summer for seasonal hires. We start looking in February and have closed the positions.
- We are looking for maintenance staff, especially groundskeepers. We have increased their pay a little to see if that works. We are currently working with a temp agency for staffing.
- Chairman Glass questioned if GED is required. We have made exceptions in the past and have encouraged employees to complete it in the past. We have pulled 2 from a temp agency and are hoping they will want to come on full-time.
- The city will pay for the GED and other continuing education.
- Certifications that are applicable include a bonus in pay.
- Commissioner Lynn Greer questioned: is it possible for the outdoor places to have bug repellent stations? Crystal will look into it.

Public Comments:

No closing public comments.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Jeff Reuer
 - The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harris Houston
 - All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday May 6th, 2024, at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for April 1st, 2024.