

CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS
PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA - WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2024
5:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Call to Order

_____ Heath Kinder, Chairman	_____ Polly Jones, Vice Chair
_____ Mathew Brian	_____ Allison Utley, Secretary
_____ Vivian Bigham	_____ Nickey Minyard, Trail Boss, Preserve
_____ Pat Hamlett	_____ Mercy Rushing, Parks Board Staff Director
	_____ Kyle McCoy-Public Works Parks Director

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Heath Kinder, Chairman

1. ***(ALL SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION ARE LIMITED TO TEN (10) MINUTES)***
2. **Consider approval of previous minutes of January 17, 2024, meeting.**
3. **New Business: Discuss, Review & Consider Action:**
 - a. The National Assoc. of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting in Dallas this year July 14-18 wants to come to the preserve to do a tour and enjoy – They contacted Owen and Nickey and they will be working with them on date and time. More to come about the event – **Mercy**
 - b. Bi-Annual 5 & 10 K event scheduled by Freedom Runners – March 9th and another one around May Fiesta weekend – **Mercy**
 - c. Peterson Park – New restroom sign, message board, restroom mural – **Allison**
 - d. Preserve closure recommendation – **Polly**
 - e. Upcoming disc golf tournaments – **Robert Johnson**
 - f. Community Garden Improvements - **Polly**
4. **Old Business: Discuss, Review & Consider Action:**
 - a. Cavity Nesters Conservancy project update - **Heath**
 - b. New Parking lot/tree retention request update - **Allison**
 - c. Update for tree plaque status – **Mercy**
 - d. Suggestions for naming something at the Preserve in memory of Bo Whitus for City Council to consider – **Mercy & Polly**
 - e. Bird-Bingo – TX. Parks Wildlife Marketing – Mineola will be in the May publication, which is the birding edition for TX. Parks Wildlife Magazine. Draft will be sent in April for us - **Mercy**
5. **Maintenance & Other Updates:**
 - a. Update on TCEQ grant -Tree planting at the Preserve – **Nickey**
 - b. Closure of Bathroom at the Preserve and Peterson Park due to Inclement Weather – **Nickey/Mercy**
 - c. Closure of Grandpa Pond Look-Out Bridge – **Nickey**
 - d. New Benches – **Nickey**
 - e. Kids Fish Report – **Nickey & Mercy**

6 NO MORE BUSINESS MEETING IS ADJORNED. NEXT REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 20, 2024
AT 5:30 PM.

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