



PARKS & RECREATION BOARD-CITY OF GAINESVILLE
MEETING MINUTES

The Parks & Recreation board met for a monthly meeting on September 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Civic Center.

Members Present: Martin Phillips, Dick Haayan, Paula Moore, Joanie Jones, Matthew Compton

Members Absent: Latecia Hendricks, Joseph Christian

Staff Present: Kevin Gann, Zenia Cruz

Guests Present: Tommy Moore

ACTION

A quorum was present.

The First item was to approve June 10, 2024 minutes. Dick Haayan made the motion to accept and Matthew Compton second the motion. Passed with unanimous consent.

Recognition of Citizens with Non-Agenda items- None

DISCUSSION

Tommy Moore spoke to the Board Members about the Comprehensive Plan. Mentioned that he would like the Board to be present when planners come into town to meet with them and share their ideas. No date at this time but will be happening in the next 12 months. Martin noted the Survey that the City posted about the plan so that city members could have a voice and suggested that all members visit the survey and post it and share to others.

There was discussion about Board members visiting other towns around our size to get better understanding and ideas of what we could do to our Parks.

Kevin continued to share his ideal 5 years plan. Taking notes from Sanger's old plan He made a Power point of the ideas that he had. That he sent to members via email. These are rough ideas and hopes that we have for the Parks in the upcoming years

Most visited parks and what is needed and what could happen to Leonard Park. We need road work with new signage included. Restriping parking spots. We have started on this and plan to continue. Trying to include moving Baseball fields to the comprehensive plan and creating more parking in that area. Also including pavilion areas. Our Pavilions are constantly being rented out. Which gives us the idea that there is a need for added shaded spaces.

Discussed Moffett Park. What are some improvements that can be done? There isn't much because it does flood. Kevin said that the Community Parks Board discussed this park and mentioned maybe building pickle ball courts there. Which would be difficult to maintain when it floods.

Going back to Leonard Park it was mentioned that it would be nice to add another Cabana area to the pool area for further renting. As well as lights.

Plans for playground at Leonard is to continue to maintain. During off season we will power wash and paint and start to replace mulch and fix up any missing or damaged pieces.

Moving to Kenesto we plan to work on irrigation by using the reclaimed water. Also hoping for lights if included in the Comprehensive plan. Also working on the pond trying to include reclaimed water into the pond with walking area down to it and stretch it out to a walking path with signage that declares reclaimed water.

Edison Park we are hoping to include a new playground equipment. Quotations are included and passed out to members. Questions about walking trail and tying it to the cemetery came up and something we still have to bring up with them. Also want to include playground. We do have it in the budget for the playground for 2026 with rubber mulch.

No definite plans for Moffett Park. Discussion on walking trails to connect to other places and adding green spaces along the trails.

B.P Douglas park has no major issues just need to work on water drainage. Splash pad and bathroom drain gets clogged to often so looking into better solution.

Dog Depot is popular. We would like to include dog agility equipment.

Discussion went to small properties that we have to maintain no plans for any of them.

Walking trail- EDC is going to help with flashing cross walk signs and repainting cross walk and implementing lights along the walking trails. Needing to change out some of the benches and replacing the plaques for the trees. As well as replacing some of the dead trees and adding green areas.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, September 24, 2024

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Martin Phillips
Chairman

10/22/2024
Date