

City of Shoreacres

MEETING MINUTES

The Shoreacres Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
of the City of Shoreacres, Texas met in Session on
Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Tom Coleman Room on the first floor at City Hall, 601 Shore Acres Blvd.,
Shoreacres, Texas, with the following members present.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: Members Present and Absent

Position 1 – Dianne Victor

Position 2 – Ann Apel, Chair

Position 3 – Howard Dahl

Position 4 – Jason Leopard – absent

Position 5 – Kay Pickett

Position 6 – John Kuhn

Position 7 – Morgan Jones

Tracy Melancon & Steve Jones

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Introduction of new members; a list was passed around for updated contact numbers and emails. Discussion of board members interests for park improvements, etc followed.

-John Kuhn has welding skills and access to heavy equipment and BBQ cooker. Interested in all parks.

-Howard Dahl interested in working with Circle Park to revamp play ground. Gazebo needs repair, need additional picnic tables.

-Morgan Jones interested in Circle Park and Grant writing.

- Tracy Melancon interested in all parks. Willing to support where ever needed.

-Kay Pickett interested in Shell Beach maintenance, Circle Park playground, Grant writing.

- Dianne Victor interested in all parks, Heron Park in particular.

-Ann Apel interested in all parks, Circle Park and Heron Park in particular.

2.0 READING of MINUTES

2.1 There were no old minutes to read.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.0 PARKS UPDATE

4.1 Circle Park – Playground equipment and gravel replacement, funding and seeking new playground replacement options were discussed. Howard Dahl indicated that the city had placed \$10,000 in the parks budget for 2016. Questions on how much the Parks Board would be allowed to determine where

the money could best be spent. Kay Pickett mentioned need to update playground equipment and replace gravel. Perhaps add exercise stretching signs in park.

- 4.2 Miramar Park – Trash removal at Shell Beach; add additional trash cans at edge of hill; add additional crepe myrtles for additional shade and trim up existing trees and perhaps trim/remove oleanders; Shell Beach needs additional policing; perhaps posting no littering signs. Kay Pickett to organize Nov 7, 9-12AM beach and shore cleanup and will be called Fall Community Cleanup. Howard Dahl to check if boy scouts would like to participate. Would like any students that need community hours to be used for clean up.
- 4.3 Bayou Forest Park – Discussion of location and possible access to land by building crossover. At one time application for a grant to build the crossover had been made by the city but did not get approved.
- 4.4 Heron Park – Vandalism was reported to Chief Harrison and most has stopped. A front fence cost is being determined and looking for donations. Mark the nature trail with signs indicating “pedestrians only, no bicycles, motorized vehicles or skateboards”. Repair of deck also getting estimates.
- 4.5 Taylor Bayou Park – Discussion of location and access thru Shady River.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Board member assignments to oversee which parks were not completed.
- 5.2 Kay Pickett handed out copies of the Recreation Grants E-Newsletter and two committees were formed to look into near term possible grants. Kay Pickett and Tracy Melancon will review the “Local Park Grants (deadline October 1, 2015), Morgan and Steve Jones will review Community Outdoor Outreach Program (deadline February 1, 2016). A tag up grant meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2015.

Tracy provided a “Monarch Waystations” handout which can be used by individuals in their own yards and also for the parks. This will be researched for possibly obtaining enough plants to receive certification for Heron Park.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 PM.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT