

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Kyle, Texas met in a Special Joint Session with the Parks and Recreation Board on February 28, 2022 at Kyle City Hall with the following persons present:

Mayor Travis Mitchell
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Rizo
Council Member Dex Ellison
Council Member Michael Tobias
Scott Sellers, City Manager
Jerry Hendrix, Assistant City Manager
Grant Bowling, Video Production Specialist
Jennifer Holm, City Secretary
Mariana Espinoza, Director of Parks & Recreation
Aimee Garcia, Recreation Manager
Benito Pereda, Parks & Trails Maintenance Supervisor
Stacy Anderson, Outdoor Nature Specialist
Mat Agee, PARD Intern
Lauralee Harris, Parks and Recreation Board
Lana Nicholson, Parks and Recreation Board
Chuck Koenen, Parks and Recreation Board
James Miller, Parks and Recreation Board
Anne Duhon, Parks and Recreation Board

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. Mayor Mitchell asked the city secretary to call roll.

Present were: Mayor Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem Rizo, Council Member Ellison, and Council Member Tobias. A quorum was present. Council Member Flores-Cale, Council Member Bradshaw, and Council Member Parsley were absent.

II. Citizen Comment Period with City Council

Mayor Mitchell opened citizen comments at 7:29 p.m. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Mitchell closed citizen comments at 7:29 p.m.

III. Consider and Possible Action

1. Council and Parks & Recreation Board joint meeting item regarding roles, goals, and vision for 2022.

Mayor Mitchell brought forward Item No. 1 for discussion. Ms. Espinoza brought forward discussion on the Vybe. Discussion took place about having splash pads, mile markers, art, make it fun, and safety along the Vybe. Discussion took place about signage in general on all trails. Council Member Ellison stated he would like to see signage every 1/4 mile. He also spoke about the need for technology and for the app to be highly functional, along with WiFi access. He would like to see resources into the Wildflower Loop and he spoke about the need for multi-surfaces on the trails. Conversation took place between Council and the Parks Board about photo ops on the trails.

Ms. Espinoza brought forward the topic of Gregg-Clarke Park improvements, with regards to ceiling fans at the pool, turf in the back, repairs to the slide or a replacement play feature, and a mural. Discussion took place about Old Stagecoach Road. Council Member Tobias spoke about the snack bar/concessions, utilizing that space. Mayor Pro Tem Rizo stated that he would like to see the use of purple pipe at the park, basketball goals enclosed with fencing, more trees, signage, and extended parking. Council Member Tobias asked about resurfacing the basketball courts, water fountains, and adding turf at the fields. Ms. Espinoza stated that the basketball courts were resurfaced and received new backstops about a year and a half ago. Council Member Ellison stated that he would like to see Gorilla Glass backboards as those get replaced. He stated he would like to have further discussion about shade options since trees will take years to grow. Mr. Hendrix spoke about shade structures.

Discussion took place between the Parks Board and City Council regarding prioritizing projects and funding. They spoke about smart planning and building amenities right.

Ms. Espinoza brought forward the topic of Sportsplex, and food trucks.

Ms. Espinoza brought forward the topic of closing down Burleson Street for downtown events. Council Members were supportive. Discussion ensued about downtown programming. Council Member Ellison suggested discounts for local Kyle vendors.

Ms. Espinoza brought forward the topic of building a children's wooden park. Mayor Pro Tem Rizo spoke about creating a park that will have people using it from early morning into the evening. Council Member Tobias spoke about inclusive features for sensory children. Ms. Garcia spoke about inclusive programming that is being planned for programming, and limitations with space.

Council Member Tobias spoke about an inclusive park in San Antonio that brings tourism from Houston, Austin, and even Oklahoma. Council Member Ellison spoke about Frisco's Safety Town and stated that Round Rock has a similar location. He encouraged the development of a project like those.

Ms. Espinoza brought forward the topic of Christmas. Mayor Pro Tem Rizo stated that he would like to see the gateway to the park to be more inviting and draw people in. Council Member Tobias suggested a social media campaign for the parks and programming. He stated he would love to have some Live On Channel 10 action. He spoke about 2022 Healthy Living - Let's Play - promote the parks, trails, amenities at the parks. Ms. Garcia spoke about a new program that is developing - Family Night Out to kick off the school year. Ms. Espinoza spoke about Communications staff, Grant Bowling, who has already been working on some Parks-related commercials. Mayor Pro Tem Rizo spoke about Cool Springs and the need for aerators. He spoke about keeping in mind how to keep everything fresh while development occurs. Discussion took place about the overgrowth of the weeds in that pond, which keeps oxygen levels low and does not promote fish life. Ms. Espinoza spoke about upcoming budget requests for Cool Springs.

Parks Board Member Miller brought forward some discussion points regarding multiuse facilities. He also spoke about the Plum Creek Trail - a small piece of concrete that is covered in mud each time it rains, and the mud doesn't go away. He spoke about considering a bridge for rain crossings.

Discussion continued regarding hike and bike trails. Mr. Sellers spoke about the contract with Schaumburg & Polk and the vision of the contiguous trail.

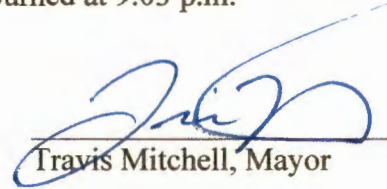
No action was taken.

IV. Adjourn

Council Member Ellison moved to adjourn. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion.

With no further business to discuss, the City Council adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Mitchell, Mayor



Jennifer Holm, City Secretary