

MINUTES

PARKS AND REC COMMISSION OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

PUBLIC WORKS BLDG, CONFERENCE ROOM

256 KITTY HAWK ROAD, UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER: Kris England at 6:01pm
2. QUORUM CHECK
 - Present*
 - Kris England, Chairperson
 - Judy Schindler, Member
 - Alexis Adams, Secretary
 - Tina Winn, Absent
 - Janet Tennis, Member

 - Randy Luensmann, Public Works
 - Regina Carmona, Activities Director
 - Mary Eddy, guest
3. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - a. Consider the Minutes of the August 31, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - i. Corrections to be made:
 1. Minutes of prior meeting edited to July 27, 2021
 2. Judy Schinder moved for appointment of secretary; Kris England seconded
 3. Add Kimberly Wilson to (5)(c)
 4. Change "trial" to "trail" in (5)(d)(3)
 - ii. Judy Schindler moved to have minutes accepted with these corrections
 1. Seconded by Janet Tennis
 2. None opposed
5. BUSINESS
 - a. Presentation by Emma Hizon (UC Resident 111 Silver Terrace) to consider proposal to add Pickleball three court lines in UC Park Basketball/Pavilion to serve for multi-purpose use and generate income for the City.
 - i. Ms. Hizon allowed for presentation to be given by Dennis Zapanta (denzpickleball@gmail.com, 210-508-4451), with Fil-Am Pickleball Club. Mr. Zapanta is also ambassador of San Antonio area, Southwest area, of the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA).
 1. With him is Emma Hizon, Manny Ibarra, and Darline Mohacey
 - a. Manny, retired navy
 2. Proposal for improvement at UC Park Pavilion

3. Proposal to have pickleball lines/courts in addition to existing basketball court lines, the current condition is blank concrete with black lines for one basketball court
4. Also wants to add partial shading or vending sidings on west side to block afternoon sunlight, as court layout is facing sun's direction and blinding players
5. Objective/benefits
 - a. Maximize use of pavilion, make it a multi-purpose area/courts as this would inspire an increase to fitness achievable by UC residents thru efficient and effective use of park
 - b. To be known by other cities and states as people will visit UC to tour, can be a place for wounded warriors events
 - c. More residents and sports group will be renting the park
 - d. To have beautiful appearance
6. What is pickleball
 - a. Combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, invented around 1965, in Washington state
 - b. Plastic paddle, plastic ball with holes
 - c. Good for all ages (see Manny)
 - d. Played as doubles or singles
 - e. Court is only a quarter size of tennis court – see Morgan's Wonderland that added lines to tennis courts
 - f. Easy to learn, can also be competitive game for experienced players
7. Benefits of playing pickleball
 - a. Physical activity
 - b. Players are social
 - c. Dennis' FB group is over 150 peoples – about 40 active (Fil-Am Pickleball San Antonio)
 - d. Easy to improve
 - e. Weight loss and management
 - f. Strong cardio and metabolic health
 - g. More positive mental state
8. About 12% growth annually nationwide in number of players
9. Examples of courts around UC
 - a. Fairchild tennis center – San Antonio (about 200 pickleball members)
 - b. Each tennis court is essentially two pickleball courts
 - c. Morgan Wonderland – four pickleball courts on each tennis court
 - d. Takas Park, City of Windcrest – dedicated pickleball besides the two tennis courts - was supposed to be basketball court but it was converted to pickleball

- e. Pickrell Park @ Schertz – renovated pavilion with 2 basketball courts and 3 pickleball courts; nets and paddles are for rent by city
 - f. Sailmaster Pickleball courts, Lakeway Texas – four dedicated courts with wind barrier and decent lighting last year
10. UC park – with temporarily taped lines, was able to set up 3 courts on the basketball pavilion
11. Proposed pickleball lines/court layout was shown and pickleball court dimensions by USAPA
12. Construction costs
- a. Adding pickleball lines \$500 - \$1,500 (\$300 per court)
 - i. Current conditions of basketball lines are gone/faded, cost is for pickleball lines only, not including basketball lines
 - b. Renovation, resurfacing, and painting the courts
 - i. In cases where existing slabs are present, permanent painting can transform these into pickleball courts: \$8,000 - \$15,000
 - c. Brand new court construction
 - i. For consideration on new UC park's recreation and open space master plan: \$35,000 - \$50,000
13. Guest Emma Hizon stated that players enjoy for weight management/health
14. Questions directed to/from Randy Luensmann
- a. We wouldn't be able to leave up permanent nets – do you have your own nets
 - i. Dennis Zapanta – yes, nets are about \$100, we bring our own
 - b. How do you rent nets?
 - i. Dennis Zapanta – per day; just announced Schertz is just starting this and just announced on their FB page
 - c. How is set up?
 - i. Regina – can buy portable net online
 - d. Randy likes idea of dual purpose court, will look at costs of making it dual purpose court, but this is not budgeted currently, can master plan and move it forward based on layout shown
 - e. Working around different parks making improvements
15. Kris England asked: would this be voted on tonight?
- a. No, this is just a presentation
16. Dennis Zapanta – would like to make this part of the master plan
17. Randy Luensmann: if we make this part of the plan going forward – would it be its own court or multi-court?
18. Dennis Zapanta – Bexar County is going to renovate MacArthur Park and made similar presentation and will get budget

19. Randy Luensmann: – can see about putting lines on this pavilion, but we're going after Texas Wildlife grant money and can make this part of the Master Plan layout
 20. Regina – how many other pickleball groups are in the SA area
 - a. Dennis – one in Windcrest, one downtown SA, one in West side
 21. Alexis Adams: could this be added to the online reservation system?
 - a. Randy Luensmann: yes, rent specific courts
 22. Emma Hizon stated the park could benefit from better lighting
 - a. Randy Luensmann: this is part of the master plan, has been researched for other parks as well for walking areas
 23. On October 31 – tournament event, lunchtime
- b. Discussion of Red Horse Park Grant Projects and Ribbon Cutting – Randy Luensmann
- i. Project is moving along, both play structures are up, concrete vendor is forming walkway around playscapes, once concrete is down, playground vendor will return with sand, cushioning, the one next to restroom gets turf grass, the other gets a rubber matting (due to trees in area)
 - ii. It was brought up doing a ribbon cutting (similar to Meadowoaks) – we can do it, would probably be in December (TBD on date)
 1. Still delayed on pavilions need to arrive
 2. Still delayed on exercise equipment
- c. Discuss future 2022 Snowfest Event and Planning – Randy Luensmann
- i. October is kickoff for Snowfest
 - ii. Randy confirmed Walmart will be grand sponsor
 - iii. McCoys will also be sponsor again
 - iv. Hasn't hit up other sponsors yet
 - v. Regina has others calling to also be sponsors
 - vi. Not sure if will lose other sponsors
 - vii. Regina provided handout on sponsorship levels – there may be adjusted numbers of sponsors based on recently rec'd expense numbers
 1. Includes list of prior sponsors
 2. If we were to get all the sponsor levels filled would be about \$34,000
 3. Regina – consider not allowing any corporate companies to be a vendor, as in not paying for \$100 booth place when they can afford large sponsor levels
 - a. For example ATT took up 40 feet in space and used electricity for \$100 booth
 - b. Randy – how do we correct this?
 - c. Regina – consider stating that corporate must be at least \$250 level
 - d. Randy – it's an event for the community, costs about \$100k, sponsors are needed to cover expenses, but this event also has mixed attendance
 - e. Regina - \$100 is meant for booth vendors
 - f. Randy – need to revamp sponsor ship levels

- g. Regina – need to add language that corporate need to come in on sponsor side not vendors
- h. Randy – will reach out to existing sponsors first and then try to find new sponsors

- d. Splashpad Season Closure October 25, 2021
 - i. Splashpad closed on oct 25th
 - ii. Pavilions are still available for rent for parties
 - 1. Large pavilion has been popular for events
 - iii. Area is in the process of being winterized
 - iv. Fence has been put around splashpad to keep cyclists, skateboards, children off equipment
- 6. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS
 - a. none
 - 7. ADJOURNMENT