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George Park Ad Hoc Committee Meeting 600 Morton Street Richmond, Texas 77469

Friday, May 10, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- A1. Call to Order and Introductions.
- A2. Select Vice Chair for Ad Hoc Committee.
- A3. Discuss and identify priorities for George Park.
 - 1. Communicate Community Park.
 - 2. Review and discuss Park Contracts and deed documents.
 - 3. City maintenance of Fields.
- A4. Discuss information needed to fulfill charge for possible recommendations to the City Commission.
- A5. Set Future Meeting date(s).
- A6. Discuss Future agenda items.
- A7. Adjournment.
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Terri Vela

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April 23, 2024, at 11:00 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Alex BeMent Ruben Cortinas Veronica Torres Jim Whitehead, Ex-officio

Administration Present:

Terri Vela, City Manager Howard Christian, Assistant City Manager Gary Smith, City Attorney Lasha Gillespie, City Secretary

Agenda item A1. Call to order and Introductions.

 Mr. BeMent opened the meeting at 10:59 AM, beginning with an introduction of himself and his background. Following this, the other committee members, Ms.
 Torres, Mr. Cortinas, and Mr. Whitehead, introduced themselves and shared their backgrounds.

Agenda item A2. Announce Chair and Vice Chair for Ad Hoc Committee.

• This item has been postponed to the next meeting on May 10th, to be addressed when more Committee members are present.

Agenda item A3. Discuss and identify priorities for George Park.

- 1. Communicate Community Park.
- 2. Review Park Contracts and deed documents.
- 3. City maintenance of Fields.
- Members focused on several key topics to enhance the utility and management of George Park as a community space. Discussions initially centered on promoting George Park as an open and accessible public area. To improve this aspect, the committee emphasized the need to review and standardize league agreements to ensure consistent public access and streamline interactions with the city. Traffic issues during league games were noted, with staff mentioning measures like mobile speed limit signs are deployed to mitigate issues. The committee discussed the park's daily maintenance routines by city staff and considered a checklist to ensure that leagues contribute to facility upkeep after games. Proposals were made to expand the play areas and to revise agreements to potentially include fees from leagues, which would help fund these new amenities. Additionally, a resolution was suggested to impose fines on leagues that charge entry fees. The committee

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emphasized the need to incorporate a schedule of games into the agreements, and possibly feature this information on the city website. This measure would enhance coordination and communication across the city, ensuring that all facilities remain accessible and well-maintained. The discussion highlighted the necessity for improved intercommunication strategies within city operations to sustain the ongoing success of George Park as a central community gathering space.

Agenda item A4. Discuss information needed to fulfill change for possible recommendations to the City Commission.

 Staff were asked to provide the current league contracts for the Oilers, Rose Rich Softball, Lamar Little League, and Lamar Soccer Club, along with the deed and park ordinance, for committee review and decision-making.

Agenda item A5. Set Future Meeting date(s).

• The next ad hoc meeting is set for May 10, 2024, at 3 p.m. A Zoom link will be available for those unable to attend in person.

Agenda item A6. Discuss Future agenda items.

None

Agenda item A7. Adjournment.

• With no further business to discuss, Mr. BeMent adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

	Approved:
	Alex BeMent, Committee Member
Attest:	
_asha Gillespie. City Secretary	

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