

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF LIVE OAK
HELD AT THE LIVE OAK COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8001 SHIN OAK DRIVE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2024
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TREE CARE BOARD MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Mario Ward called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order on January 9th, 2024, at 6:13 p.m.
2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge was recited at previous meeting.

3. PRESENT

Chairman Mario Ward
Vice Chairperson Cherece Smith
Commissioner Elizabeth Ramirez
Commissioner Daniel Buntjer
Commissioner Angela Green
Commissioner Brian Read
Commissioner Crystal Smith
Alternate Commissioner Bonnie Tullgren
City Council Liaison Councilman Bob Tullgren

ABSENT

Alternate Commissioner Chris Hockman
Alternate Commissioner Dorothy Scott

STAFF

Mark Wagster, Director of Public Works
Courtney Weese, Recreation & Special Events Manager
Cathi Piotrowski, Administrative Assistant
Jymie J. Perna, Administrative Assistant
Anas Garfaoui, Interim City Manager
Donna Lowder, EDC Director
Linc Surber, Fire Chief
Leroy Kowalik, Finance Director
Gary Hopper, Police Chief

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - None
5. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 1. October 23rd, 2023

Commissioner Cherece Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Angela Green.

VOTE FOR: Chairman Mario Ward, Vice Chairperson Cherece Smith, Commissioners Elizabeth Ramirez, Daniel Buntjer, Angela Green, Brian Read, andr Crystal Smith
PASSED: 7/0

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and discussion regarding citywide events
Mrs. Weese gave updates on the various events through the end of 2024 in the City of Live Oak.

Commissioner Brian Read made a motion to combine the Shin Dig and Halloween events giving the city latitude to work out the logistics, Vice Chairperson Cherece Smith seconded the motion.

VOTE FOR: Chairman Mario Ward, Vice Chairperson Cherece Smith, Commissioners Daniel Buntjer, Angela Green, Brian Read, and Crystal Smith
VOTE AGAINST: Commissioner Elizabeth Ramirez
PASSED 6/1

B. Update Commissioners on park improvement projects
Mr. Wagster updated the Commissioners on the Parks Master Plan, projects in progress, and projects completed.

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

A. Commissioners –
-Board presented Cathi Piotrowski with a retirement gift.

B. Staff – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Cherece Smith made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Angela Green. The Parks & Recreation Commission adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

APPROVED:

Chairman Mario Ward

ATTEST:

Jymie J. Perna, Administrative Assistant