PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF SACHSE
APRIL 11, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Sachse City Hall, 3815-B Sachse Road. Those present were: Board Member Pat Porter, Board Member Ian Bailey, Board Member Funmi Olowo, Board Member Jermaine McDaniel, Board Member Susie Whitehurst, Board Member Keith Casey.

Those absent were: Board Member Valarie Pike.

A. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following items of business:

Vice Chairperson McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Mr. Whitworth offered the invocation and led the pledges.

3. The public is invited to address the Board regarding any topic not already on the agenda. The time limit is 3 minutes per speaker. A Public Comment Card should be presented to the acting Secretary prior to the meeting. According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board is prohibited from discussing any item not posted on the agenda but will take comments under advisement.

No public comments were offered.

4. Consider approving the February 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Board Member Porter made a motion to Approve as presented. . Board Member Bailey seconded the motion, and it carried 6 - 0.

None voted against

5. Discuss and receive an update on Phase 2 of the J.K. Sachse Park project.

Mr. Whitworth presented the Kompan playground proposal for J.K. Sachse Park. This proposal is for the Phase 2B portion of the J.K. Sachse Park project. The playground section of the park will be divided into three zones. Two of the zones will be primarily designated for ages 5–12 years old and the third section will be for the ages of 2–5 years old. Each section will provide age-appropriate equipment. Some of the equipment suggested will be at varying levels of difficulty to provide a more challenging and stimulating environment. The proposal also includes sections for more accessible equipment.

6. Discuss and receive an update on the Heritage Park expansion.

Mr. Whitworth presented a PowerPoint on the Heritage Park progress. Mr. Scott Jones, project manager with DL Meacham Construction, submitted a PowerPoint of the Heritage Park expansion amenities update. Mr. Jones still believes that the project should be near completion no later than October 2024.

7. Receive and update on programs and activities at the Michael J. Felix Community Center.

Ms. Wiseman presented to the Board the recent events that have taken place in the City. The Easter Egg hunts were on March 23 and March 28. The Easter Egg Scramble, Doggie Bone Hunt, and the new Egg-cessible Egg Hunt were all held on March 23. The Flashlight Egg Hunt was delayed until March 28 due to rain. The Easter Egg Scramble had about 380 people attend. The Doggie Bone Hunt had about 40 people attend. The new Egg-cessible Egg Hunt had about 80 people attend. It was thought that the delay of the Flashlight Egg Hunt would decrease the number of attendees, but it actually increased it to 600–700 people. The first Pop-Up Park took place and was a big hit. There were about 50 participants. The Pop-Up Park on April 1, which was the same day as the J.K. Sachse Park splash pad's opening day, had about 100–120 participants. The Arbor Day Jubilee event on April 6 had 21 groups and 237 volunteers that put in over 400 volunteer hours that day. Fifteen areas were cleaned up that day and 134 bags of trash were collected, which came to a total of 2,948 pounds. A total of 80 flowers and 50 trees were planted. The next big event on the calendar will be the Summer Nights Concert Series on May 3 which will feature the Buffet Beach Band.

8. Receive staff updates regarding current activies, special events, and personnel.

Mr. Whitworth informed the Board that we have hired two Parks department maintenance technicians that were approved in the budget from October. The Recreation Center is now at full staff with their new positions being filled as well.

9. Adjournment.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024. This meeting will be a tour of J.K. Sachse Park and Heritage Park.

Vice Chairperson McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Valarie Pike

Valarie Pike, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jermaine McDaniel, Vice Chairperson