

**CITY OF KENEDY**

**MINUTES**

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MNUTES**

**MAY 25, 2021 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE RUHMAN C. FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING**

**303 W. MAIN ST., KENEDY, TX. 78119**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Susanne Nunez, President  
Alicia Sandoval, Vice President  
Lucille Matthews  
Gerardo Salas

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Randy Garza  
Melissa Garcia

**CITY PRESENT:**

Chief Ashe  
Parks & Streets Director Joe Hernandez

**Opening Agenda**

1. **Call Regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting to order and establish a quorum is present.**

President Nunez called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

2. **Welcome Guests.**

President Nunez welcomed Chief Ashe, Wade Phelps, and Joe Hernandez to the meeting.

3. **Citizen comments.**

No citizens present.

4. **Discussion and approval of regular minutes for April 20, 2021.**

**Motion:** Gerardo Salas moved to approve the April 20, 2021 minutes as presented. Alicia Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Discussion regarding movie in the park on July 2, 2021. (Presenter: Police Chief Ashe)**

Chief Ashe addressed the Board to provide an update for movie in the park event for July 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Chief Ashe informed the Board there will be a DJ, food trucks, and the movie will start about 8:45 p.m. and staff will be handing out popcorn.

President Nunez inquired about the emergency protocol for the park. Chief Ashe explained the protocol would be to call the Police Department. Chief Ashe stated Joe Gulley closing time is 10:00 p.m. unless a tournament event and Escondido closing time is dusk to dawn.

6. **Discussion and possible action with update on the walking trail at St. Mary's Park and potential impact on Horn Toads. (Presenter: Dr. Wade Phelps)**

Dr. Wade Phelps addressed the Board to discuss the horned toads. The horned toads are still at St. Mary's Park. The improvement to the walking trail should not affect the horned toads.

Parks & Streets Director Joe Hernandez addressed the board to discuss the walking trail. The improvement to the walking trail is to remove two inches of top soil and have decomposing granite installed.

President Nunez stated the City has three benches and six tables that could be utilized at St. Mary's Park. These items would need to be anchored down and chained. Parks & Streets Director Hernandez inquired if the Board was wanting cement blocks. President Nunez stated the cement blocks were not being considered at this time only the anchors and chains. President Nunez will discuss the anchors and chains with the City Manager William Linn.

**Motion:** Lucille Matthew moved to have Parks & Streets Director Hernandez move forward on the walking trail improvements at St. Mary's Park with a base of decomposing granite. Gerardo Salas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Old Business**

A. **Discussion and possible action on Glenna May bench for Joe Gulley Park.**

President Nunez will take the price for bench and plaque to 4B. Some of the board members will meet on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to see where the bench should be placed.

**Motion:** Gerardo Salas moved to have the bench in red. Lucille Matthews seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. **Motion:** Lucille Matthews moved to table discussion and possible action on landscaping around the gazebo at Joe Gulley Park till the next meeting on June 15, 2021. Gerardo Salas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. **Discussion and possible action on reseeding Blue Bonnets for Joe Gulley Park.**

President Nunez stated the reseeding of Blue Bonnets at Joe Gulley Park needs additional information from Parks & Streets Director Hernandez.

**Motion:** Gerardo Salas moved to table discussion and possible action on reseeding Blue Bonnets for Joe Gulley Park till the next meeting on June 15, 2021. Lucille Matthews seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## 8. New Business

### A. Discussion regarding possible inspection and board replacement on the bridge at Joe Gulley Park.

Discussion was held among the Board and Parks & Streets Director Hernandez for the wooden bridge and the need for an inspection Joe Gulley Park.

No action taken.

### B. Discussion and possible action regarding replacement of old cables on the windmill.

Discussion was held among the Board and Parks & Streets Director Hernandez for replacement of old cables on the windmill. Parks & Streets Director Hernandez recommended for the Board to contact Robert Janysek.

No action taken.

## **GERARDO SALAS, VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER, RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE CALL.**

**Motion: Lucille Matthews moved to table New Business items C through F, Other business, and Announcements for lack of quorum and adjourn till the next meeting on June 15, 2021. President Nunez seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Discussion and possible action on replacement of plant description plaques.
- D. Discussion and possible action on replacing the barbeque firebox.
- E. Discussion on fixing volleyball area.
- F. Discussion on the large cement drain box between Johnny Bearfield and volleyball area.

## 9. Other Business

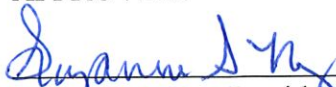
- A. Discussion for potential date for the St. Mary's Park community workday event.

## 10. Announcements

- A. Rawley, McCoy, & Associates, PLLC was selected as the Engineering/Architectural firm for the City of Kenedy Convention Center.
- B. Mayofest has been moved to Labor Day.
- C. Kenedy Economic Development Corporation (4B) would like the Parks and Recreation Board to work on the next budget year for possible future financial needs.

## 11. Adjourn.

APPROVED:

  
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Suzanne Nunez, President

ATTEST:

  
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Alicia Sandoval, Vice President