

**CITY OF MEDINA**  
Park Board Meeting Minutes

*Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*Medina City Hall | Council Chambers*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Blazey called the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Medina Park Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Blazey, Gabriele Dickmann, Sarah Gray, Penny Martin, Collette McMullen, and Karen Sparks  
Andrea Perry joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Staff Present: Ryan Osada, Director of Public Works; Pat Crickmore, Public Works Supervisor, Sunita Hall, Deputy City Clerk.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Blazey stated that the Park Beautification bulb planting day had been set for Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Blazey also suggested reordering the agenda items to allow for the "Purpose of Parks" agenda item to come before the "Goals for 2017" agenda item.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 17, 2016 Minutes.

Motion to approve the October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 Park Board Meeting Minutes MOVED by Martin and seconded by Gray. The motion carried unanimously.
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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A resident asked whether the drinking fountains at Medina Park were now working. Public Works Supervisor, Crickmore provided an update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Review of Park Board Activities in 2016

Chair Blazey invited Park Board members to comment on the successes throughout the year. These included: The Easter egg hunt, Explorer Dome, Arbor Tree Day, Bocce Ball Court and Park beautification. Blazey stated that it might still be possible to have a Christmas carol event.

Purpose of Parks

Board members discussed views on the purpose of parks. There was a consensus that parks in Medina offered a good mix of both active and passive spaces with Medina Park offering a community meeting place and parks such as Fairweather, Viewpoint and Lake Lane offering quieter spaces.

Goals for 2017

Chair Blazey invited the Board members to think of goals for 2017. Blazey suggested the idea of doing more community liaison work such as bringing in guest speakers to come and give talks on relevant topics. Blazey also suggested making links with organizations such as Alaska Airlines. Board members made a number of suggestions: Board member Dickmann stated that it was important to commemorate key anniversary dates that fell on the year six. Dickmann also suggested that it might be useful to get a feel for a historical knowledge of the parks. Pat Crickmore, Public Works Supervisor confirmed that there should be older plans relating to the original park development and a master plan of trees. Board member Perry spoke in favor of community engagement particularly working with the schools as a way of bringing the community in, as in with Arbor Tree Day. Board member Martin asked if there were any plans to dredge the upper pond in Medina Park. Director of Public Works, Osada updated board members on the process for dredging the ponds. There was also a suggestion that dog agility classes would be popular once the area was chipped. Osada also confirmed that he was looking for an expert opinion on the condition of the tennis courts. Members discussed also the prospect of having artificial turf at Fairweather Park. Board member McMullen suggested that at the January meeting it would be useful to have a calendar listing of community events over the years. A brief discussion ensued on the organization of Medina Days and whether it would be possible to get the word out that a chair and co-chair were required for Medina Days.

#### Park Board Calendar 2017

The Park Board reviewed the 2017 calendar.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

##### Updates on Park projects

Director of Public Works, Osada confirmed that an extra mutt mitt had been put in Fairweather Park. Also that the sign on three dog limit had been put up. There were signs to put up in the Medina park parking lot, and the railing had been installed. Osada updated the Board on the bidding process and selection for the playground expansion. It was likely that the work would go ahead soon.

#### PARK REPORTS

##### Fairweather & Lid Park

Board member McMullen reported that the green fabric edge on the tennis courts was in need of replacing/repairing. Board member Sparks asked whether ball play for dogs was allowed at Fairweather Park, given that it is a passive park. Board member McMullen spoke about electric motorcycles around Fairweather Park parking lot. Members discussed putting up suitable signs. Board member Sparks stated that there should be caution when restricting motorized vehicles as these would include vehicles such as wheelchairs.

##### Indian Trail

Board member Martin stated that as you approached 24<sup>th</sup> street there were a couple of trees that had not been cut down. It was confirmed that this came under the Tree Management plan which focuses on working with in partnership with residents. Chair Blazey confirmed that there were new red flags at the crossing on 12<sup>th</sup>.

Lake Lane	Board member Martin stated that it required pruning.
Medina Beach Park	Board member Dickmann stated that it looked fine.
Medina Park	Board member Sparks asked about the on and off leash signs for Medina Park. Board member Sparks asked if the ground could be raised at Medina Park parking lot to enable dogs to have an easier access via cars.
Medina Beach Park	Board member Perry stated that it looked fine.
Medina Park	Chair Blazey asked about the flags for Veterans Day
Viewpoint Park	Chair Blazey stated that it was in pretty good shape. However, there was a stump of a willow tree that was beginning to sprout. Public Works supervisor, Crickmore advised that this was something that could be taken care of.

Public Comment

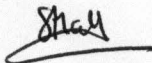
A resident asked that we keep the parks clean and fix the water fountain.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by:



Sunita Hall – Deputy City Clerk