

**CITY OF MEDINA**  
Park Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Medina City Hall | Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Blazey called the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Medina Park Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Drew Blazey, Gabriele Dickmann, Sarah Gray, Collette McMullen, Penny Martin

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Blazey opened the meeting. He gave a short brief of upcoming meetings and topics. City Manager Sauerwein gave supplemental information.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the January 19, 2016 Park Board Meeting Minutes. MOVED by Gray and seconded by McMullen. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council Member Cynthia Adkins asked the Park Board how she could support the Park Board and their work.

Local resident Laurel Preston spoke in favor of preserving the parks and asked that they continued to be for public use and enjoyment, ahead of commercial use. She added that a policy statement to this effect may be useful.

In light of this comment, Park Board Member Martin asked for an update on the Cell Tower to be added to the agenda. There was consensus amongst members to add an item on Park Space/Cell Tower to New Business.

Resident Whitney Hines stated that there had been a promise to plant 2000 trees near the new bus terminal on the Lid. She stated that only a few trees had been planted there. A short discussion took place on this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

Vice Chair Blazey called for nominations for Chair. Park Board Member Dickmann nominated Board Member Blazey seconded by Gray. The vote was unanimous. Blazey accepted his nomination as Chair.

Vice Chair Blazey called for nominations for Vice Chair. Board Member Dickmann nominated Board Member McMullen seconded by Gray. The vote was unanimous. McMullen accepted her nomination as Chair.

#### Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, 26 March 16, 2016

Vice Chair Blazey updated the Board on the annual Easter Egg Hunt and asked if anyone would be willing to manage the project. Park Board Member Gray volunteered to manage the project. It was mentioned that the local Facebook group may provide additional volunteers.

#### Playground equipment – Explorer Dome

Director of Public Works Osada advised that he had received a quote in the region of \$65k. City Manager Sauerwein recapped that City Council had only approved the equipment and not the whole refurbishment. Vice Chair Blazey stated that the equipment should be ordered and suggested that the Board work concurrently with City Council to look at the overall refurbishment. Sauerwein suggested that the Park Board could consider making a request for funding in the 2017 budget.

#### Indian Trail

Public Works Director Osada advised that he and the City Manager had met with local residents. The Trail was not yet dry and that the next step would be to put some more crushed rock to dry it out. Osada gave details on the plans to restore the trail.

#### Fountain and Aerators – Median Park

Public Works Director Osada explained that in response to Mr. Yi's concerns at the previous meeting, the aerator near the dog agility course would be removed and replaced with a fountain. He advised that the fountain in the upper pond had been donated by the Overlake Golf course and the one in the lower pond by local resident Rip Johnson.

#### Park Spaces/Cell Tower - added item

Board Member Martin spoke in favor of finding other locations for cell towers other than in the parks. In response to a question Council Member Adkins stated that litigation had been put on hold. The Board discussed the options for alternative sites.

Motion to not install any cell towers in any of the parks in the town of Medina. MOVED by Martin and seconded by Gray. The motion carried unanimously.
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Vice Chair Blazey advised that although the Motion would be communicated to the Council, the Park Board was an advisory committee and that policy decisions were made by the City Council.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### Park Project Updates as necessary

#### Bocce Ball Court

Public Works Director Osada advised that the Bocce Ball Court would be included as a Consent item on the March City Council Agenda.

### Parking at Medina Park

Public Works Director Osada advised that the City was looking at changing the layout of parking at the park. He presented the Board with three possible options. The Board discussed the various options. There was a general consensus that access should be one way, with signage and a hedge planted near the lot.

### Park Board Recruitment

Vice Chair Blazey reported that there had been three applications. The decision to appoint would be taken by the City's Personnel Committee.

### **PARK REPORTS**

Fairweather and the Lid – Board Member McMullen reported that she had noticed some big branches in the vicinity. The tennis courts required pressure wash cleaning.

Indian Trail - No additional comments.

Lake Lane - Board Member Martin reported that it looked fine.

Medina Beach Park – Board Member Dickmann reported that it looked great. It was noted that the new swim float had broken free and was due to be fixed.

Medina Park – Board Member Dickmann stated that it looked good and the paths were drying out. She reported that the trees were hanging low. There appeared to be a dead tree in the vicinity.

Vice Chair Blazey suggested using notice boards in parks to give information on new park related projects.

Viewpoint – Board Member Gray stated that she had no report. Vice Chair Blazey reported that the hedges had been trimmed and the lights exposed.

Before the meeting ended there was a discussion on the Easter Egg Hunt. It was suggested that it would be useful to cordon off an area for the younger age groups.

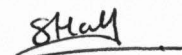
### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March; 5.00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Martin and seconded by Dickmann. The motion carried unanimously.
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Minutes taken by:



Sunita Hall  
Deputy City Clerk

