

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting (Thursday, September 12, 2019)

Members present

Diana Smith, Nieves Marquez, George Kemper, Terry Bennett, Lindsay Buhler

Members absent

Cyndi Mitchell and Jermaine McDaniel

1. Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sachse will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Sachse City Hall, 3815 Sachse Road, Building B, Sachse, Texas to consider the following items of business:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

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

The invocation and pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags was led by Lance Whitworth.

3. Consider approval of the August 8, 2019, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Lindsay Buhler and seconded by Diana Smith to approve the August 8, 2019, meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and make a recommendation to the City Council on the naming of the Sachse Community Center.

Mr. Whitworth stated that in the August meeting Mr. Adams came to the board on this item. The board discussed it and decided to table the item until the September meeting. Since the previous park board meeting he has received 2 emails from residents in favor of naming the building after Mayor Felix. One was from Ed Brown and the other was by Addis Gonte. Diana Smith feels like the board is being rushed to make a decision and that this needs to go to the public first to get more input.

Gary Overby - 5000 Natchez Dr. - Spoke in favor of Mayor Felix's 20 years of service and giving of his personal life to the citizens of Sachse. He heard Mayor Felix's testimony at the groundbreaking about how the community center impacted him growing up and wants to honor him in some way.

Lazette McFadden - 3307 Willow Creek Ct. - Spoke in favor of naming the community center after Mayor Felix. His love and dedication to Sachse for so many years has proven itself. She would like to see his name on the community center in some respect.

Dennis Veach - 5717 Summit Knoll Tr. - Spoke in favor of naming the community center after Mayor Felix. The board should decide how it should be written but he feels that an honor after a person that is no longer here is a weak honor.

Todd Roneau - 6209 Laurel Crest Ln. - He thinks that Mayor Felix has represented the people as well as anyone could have done. Mayor Felix treats everyone like they are special. Mike's leadership set the ground work for what is starting to happen in Sachse. There isn't a bigger advocate to the parks department than Mayor Felix.

Drew Shubzda - 3331 Meadow Bluff Ln. - Would like Mike Felix dedicated somehow to the building. He loves Sachse is involved with the community and the citizens.

Bee Downy - 5601 Pecan Grove Dr. - Recommends that Mayor Felix be on the building. When she

fell of the fence, he was on of the first ones to help get a ramp built for her.

Tiry Williams - 3116 Lance Ln. - Agrees with the naming of the building after Mayor Felix. He feels that the board should move it onto council to get a bigger crowd and audience at the meeting to hear from them.

Ted Kirby - 2234 Ridgeview - He concurs with everything said and thinks that Mayor Felix is very dedicated and committed.

Audrey Wallace - 5821 Boone St.- She cannot think of a finer person than Mike Felix to name the building after. He does so many things that aren't required of him and would like to see his name on the building.

Bobby Tillman -6314 Ben Road- Mayor Mike always supported the daycare that Mr. Tillman ran. He doesn't necessarily think that "Sachse" has to be in the name but he does support Mike's name on the building.

Bill Adams - 6219 Crestmont Ln - It is common to name recreation centers after those in office. He named the Holford Recreation Center, the Harris Hollabaugh, Grainger Recreation Center, Bradfield Park and the Fields Recreation Center.

Lindsay Buhler thinks that we should make the recommendation and let the council decide what to name it. Terry Bennett stated that although you don't have to wait until someone is deceased, he struggles to name something after a seated politician. Nieves Marquez thinks that we could possible call it MJ Felix Community Center. Diana Smith researched community centers named after Mayors and the ones she found were all named after former Mayors and not sitting Mayors.

A motion was made by George Kemper and seconded by Nieves Marquez to make a recommendation to name the Community Center the Michael J. Felix Community Center. The motion passed 3-2 with Diana Smith and Terry Bennett in opposition.

5. Discuss the policies and procedures for the Community Center.

Ms. Wiseman presented to the board the policies and procedures and facility rental policies that staff put together for the community center. The board made a few changes including: shoes with wheels instead of Heely's, and rewording the section on decorations to include staff approval for attaching items to the wall.

6. Discuss proper etiquette on sending emails regarding City business.

Mr. Whitworth reminded the board of a few main points on emails:

- Be mindful of 'reply all' depending on the message to avoid turning the discussion into a walking quorum
- Emails would be subject to open records used for 'city business'. Therefore, you should follow retention schedule. Most if not all would be a 2 year retention following the general correspondence schedule
- It's not the device it's the communication

7. Discuss and consider potential sand volleyball locations in Sachse.

The board would like to discuss this at a later date.

8. Discuss and consider potential park amenities for the parkland that was donated on Ranch Road by PMB Acquisitions, LLC.

Terry Bennett asked Lance to get a general idea of what the amenities would cost and bring back some information on the grants and potential for grants.

9. Discuss the Red, White, and Blue Blast.

Mr. Whitworth reported that in the post event meeting that staff discussed placing some food vendors in other areas if they don't require power in order to add additional food vendors. We can remind the vendors how big the event is and to bring enough food. Lindsay Buhler suggested putting vendors in other areas like the High School parking lot.

10. Receive staff updates regarding current activities, special events, and personnel.

The Pumpkin Prowl is coming up on October 19.

11. Request for future agenda items.

Requests were made to discuss Ranch Road and grants, community center policies, Christmas Extravaganza, and Arbor Day.

12. Set upcoming Parks and Recreation Board meeting date.

The next meeting was met for October 10, 2019, at 6:30 PM.

13. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

ATTEST:



Diana Smith, Secretary

APPROVED:



Cyndi Mitchell, Chair