



**City of Woodway
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Woodway met at Woodway City Hall (City Council Chambers) at 922 Estates Drive, Woodway, Texas 76712 on August 24, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Parks & Recreation Members Present: Mary Cunningham, Nancy Goebel, Barbara Grandy, Kevin Tankersley, Emily Warren

Parks & Recreation Members Absent: Teresa Flynn, Kristin Jack, Sabrina Moore, Kris Tooley

City Council Present: Storey Cook, City Council Liaison
David Russell

City Staff Present: Dr. Shawn Oubre, City Manager
Jimmy Rogers, Woodway Family Center Superintendent
Rodney Dieterich, Streets & Parks Superintendent
Kasia Redden, Plan Reviewer

Visitors Present Shari Crane

*NOTE: An issue with the recording equipment in the Council Chambers resulted in no voices being captured on the recording. As such, a more detailed set of minutes has been provided.

1. Call to order

Kevin Tankersley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Hear visitors

Shari Crane, member of the Waco Striders, spoke about the Hike & Bike Trails at Woodway Park. After a recent event at the park, she is concerned that there are unmarked or incorrectly marked trails that may result in people getting lost. These trails are likely the result of cutting that was done without the knowledge or permission of City staff.

3. Discussion and consider action on the minutes of the regular meeting held March 23, 2023

Nancy Goebel made a motion, seconded by Mary Cunningham, to open discussion and consider action on the minutes. There being no discussion, Barbara Grandy made a motion, seconded by Nancy Goebel, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and consider action on the minutes of the special meeting held August 1, 2023

Nancy Goebel made a motion, seconded by Emily Warren, to open discussion and consider action on the minutes. There being no discussion, Barbara Grandy made a motion, seconded by Nancy Goebel, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and consider action on recommendations for the installation of an auxiliary parking area adjacent to the Pavilion at Carleen Bright Arboretum

Dr. Oubre presented slides that showed the potential location of this auxiliary parking area. It will be an unpaved rock area that will add an additional 20-30 parking spaces, and it will also have fencing to prevent vehicles from going beyond the permitted area. A gate will allow access for City personnel and pedestrian traffic. This added parking will address ongoing concerns about overflow of vehicles into the street.

Emily Warren made a motion, seconded by Nancy Goebel, to recommend the installation of an auxiliary parking area adjacent to the Pavilion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and consider action on recommendations for the construction of hiking trails at Carleen Bright Arboretum

Dr. Oubre presented slides of the proposed area. The goal, in response to citizen requests, is to renew the existing trails that were overgrown or damaged after the sewer replacement project.

Mary Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Nancy Goebel, to recommend the construction or restoration of hiking trails at Carleen Bright Arboretum.

7. Discussion and consider action on recommendations for senior adult programs/activities at the new Woodway Family Center

Jimmy Rogers presented slides offering ideas for potential senior programming at the WFC. Staff are awaiting direction on the future of the existing building, but the proposed programs are adaptable to either the existing or the new facility and senior activities will be implemented regardless of whether the existing building is kept.

The Commission likes the combination of social, sports and fitness, and technology activities. Barbara Grandy asked if there were separate rooms at the new facility to accommodate multiple activities at once and, if so, questioned the need to spend money to restore and maintain the old building. Per Jimmy, there is a party room and a gym, and that activities could be planned for both rooms, and that scheduling of all activities will be done to offer the best experience possible for all involved (ex: not scheduling seniors' yoga alongside a basketball camp). If Council directs staff to keep the existing building, accommodations will be made for activities in that building.

Nancy Goebel expressed approval of the proposed activities, and asked who would instruct classes. Jimmy explained that the goal would be to have some activities that could be self-directed, requiring only a staff attendant, some could be instructed by volunteers or a qualified staff member, and some could have hired instructors contracted. Nancy believes that at least some of the classes will warrant a fee of some kind, as long as it is kept affordable for all who may want to participate. She and Emily Warren discussed the possibility of mixed fees, with some classes grouped under one fee, some done on a single-class basis, and some offered at no charge. The Commission agrees with this suggestion.

Suggestions for other potential activities included BUNCO, Mahjong, and confirming that there would be accommodation at the new facility for pickleball. Kevin Tankersley asked whether there would be any kind of survey for community input, and Dr. Oubre stated that staff would start by offering these proposed activities based on feedback that had already been received. Programs will be tweaked, as with the youth programs, based on interest and participation, and staff will continue to keep track of public input. If, in the future, a more formal survey is warranted, that can be discussed, but staff wants to base these early programs on actual participation numbers.

Nancy Goebel made a motion, seconded by Mary Cunningham, to recommend moving forward with the proposed senior programming at the new Woodway Family Center.

8. Sub-committee reports

a. Lakeside Park

The park is in good condition, and previous concerns about overgrowth and poison ivy on the trails have been addressed by City staff. Dr. Oubre addressed the comments made by Ms. Crane, stating that the City had done no further cutting or creating of trails and that no permission had been given to create further trails. Independent trail creation has been discouraged, but the City does not have the resources to patrol the trails at all times.

b. Poage Park:

Nancy Goebel reports ongoing issues with people not picking up after their dogs.

c. Whitehall Park:

The park appears to be in good condition.

d. Woodway Activity Park:

The park appears to be in good condition.

e. Woodway Family Center:

The construction of the new Family Center is moving ahead on schedule at this point. City Council is still discussing the future of the old Woodway Family Center building, so there will be further updates in October.

9. Adjournment of meeting

Nancy Goebel made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Barbara Grandy. The motion carried unanimously, and Chairperson Kevin Tankersley adjourned the meeting at 6:14 pm.


Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson


Parks & Recreation Commission Secretary