

Collin County
Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board

Minutes

January 24, 2023

Item No. 1 Call to order

Board Chair Rutledge Haggard called the Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting to order at 1:26 p.m. Mr. Haggard welcomed board members and staff.

Board members present: Rutledge Haggard, Matt Thomas, Marianne Wells and Steve Wright.

Absent: Ebony Wilson.

Myers Park Staff Present: Judy Moody, Mark Page, Vanesa Rhodes and Jennifer Rogers.

Board Chair Haggard advised board members that lifetime Board Member Norman Gidney had passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2023 and called for a moment of silence.

Item No. 2 Welcome and introduction of new Board Members: Matthew Thomas appointed January 2023

Park Manager Moody welcomed new Board Member Matt Thomas to the board and provided a brief overview of the role as an Advisory Board member.

Item No. 3 Review and Action to approve October 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board Member Steve Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2022, with noted correction, Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Marianne Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 Update on Farm Museum

Farm Museum Coordinator Jennifer Rogers provided a handout to board members which updated them on Exhibits, Work Orders, Education Programs, Volunteer Program as well as updates on revenue, total programs and school programs. Rogers advised board members that the registration for spring 2023 classes will open on February 24, 2023.

Item No. 5 Discuss any Action regarding updating By Laws

Park Manager Judy Moody, advised board members that the Myers Park & Event Center By-laws had not been updated in a while and still reflected the name of the park as the Collin County Youth Park. Ms. Moody passed out a red-line copy of the bylaws for review and approval of changes. Board Member Steve Wright made the motion to accept the changes to the by-laws as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Marianne Wells. The motion carried.

Item No. 6 Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

Event Coordinator Mark Page informed board members that the park hosted over 18,000 visitors during the November Vintage Market Days event. Additionally Mr. Page stated the 2023 Collin County Jr. Livestock show held January 7-14, 2023 was very successful, with many area students showcasing their animals and/or projects. Page mentioned the venues at the park continue to book with new event types coming on board. In the spring Myers Park will be the location for a hot air balloon glow, a laser light show, and bull riding.

Item No. 7 Update on Budget and Projects at Myers Park

Park Manager Moody informed board members the FY 24 budget process will begin in the next couple of weeks. Moody also brought board members up-to-date on the status of the ongoing project renovations at the show barn, granary, and confinement buildings.

Item No. 8 Possible future agenda items

Board members discussed changing the name of The Landing to Gidney Hall in honor of Norman Gidney. Because of Al Boudreaux's long time dedication to Myers Park and particularly Myers Woods, Event Coordinator Mark Page suggested the name of Myers Woods be changed to honor Mr. Boudreaux. Park Manager Moody advised she would research to determine what steps need to be taken and this topic would be added to the next quarterly board meeting.

Item No. 9 Adjourn

Board Chair Rutledge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Wells. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

The next Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in The Landing.