

Collin County
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board
Minutes
April 23, 2019

Item No. 1 Call to Order

Rutledge Haggard called to order the meeting of the Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board at 7:38 a.m. The following board members were present: Rutledge Haggard, Marianne Wells, Norman Gidney, Steven Wright and Lily Bao. Myers Park staff present was Judy Florence, Mark Page, and Joanie Bishop. Absent were: Board member Chris Kern, and Myers Park staff member, Jennifer Rogers.

Item No. 2 Review and Action to approve January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Haggard.

Item No. 3 Update from Collin County Master Gardener Bruce Batman

Mr. Batman explained there are 14 different gardens currently at the Park that the Collin County Master Gardeners maintain. These gardens include annuals, perennials, a vineyard, herb garden, a shade garden, ornamental shrubs and grasses, crepe myrtles, vegetable garden and a portorage garden which is French for kitchen garden. The Collin County Master Gardeners work in partnership with two middle school students from Prosper ISD who are a big help in spreading mulch in the different gardens. Also, the Myers Park staff has been a tremendous help, Judy Florence, Mark Page and Larry Love, and meet with them on a regular basis. Another partner that helps quite a bit is SCORE through the Collin County Sheriff Department. They help with jobs such as weeding and mulching. Since January nine members from SCORE have been participating in a pilot program with the Collin County Master Gardeners and AgriLife Extension Office that promote the actualization of occupational skills and knowledge in agriculture, horticulture, and landscaping. Every other week the participants spend an hour in the classroom and two hours in the gardens. They learn about soil prep, irrigation, build raised beds and planted herbs. This program offers inmates a skill to learn and gives them interaction with the outside community to help when they re-enter society. Such programs have proven successful in other parts of the country.

Item No. 4 Update on Farm Museum

Ms. Florence reported for Ms. Rogers the following: The Collection storage reorganization and the inventory is continuing. The Dairy and Refrigeration Exhibit that the Girl Scouts and 4H student have been working on will be finished at the end of May. In regards to the Education Programs, Ms. Rogers have upgraded the SignUp Genius membership since this had proven to be a beneficial program to participants wanting to register for workshops. The upgrade makes the program more manageable to implement and the users to navigate. The focus this year is on exhibits and have implemented a new Youth Exhibit Project program to encourage youth participation and skill building in the Farm Museum.

Item No. 5 Update on Farm Museum Foundation

Item No. 6 Update on PIP and Budget requests for FY2020

Ms. Florence reported on the following PIPs to be submitted: At the Landing all the walls need painted, replace two sets of double doors, replace/repair chair room door and janitor door, replace/add door stops, replace hardware on all remaining doors, update countertops in dressing room and kitchen, replace ceiling fans. In the Show Barn clean and seal all concrete floors with non-skid surfaces. The Farm Museum need the restoration space to have adequate lighting added, and the workshop space also needs more lighting. For the Park, more digital video camera system needs added. At the Wells Bridge, add lighting in this area for when it is dark outside. The Show Barn needs cement sidewalk outside and wall inside repaired. Stall Barn needs to be reconfigured with concrete brushed finished, re-do the electrical and add a new roll up door. Ms. Florence reported the following Department Improvement Requests are an updated Audio Visual system for The Landing, a 52" SCAG, a 6 Wheel Gator, and a Pond Maintenance contract.

Item No. 7 Update on current projects at Myers Park

Ms. Florence reported three of the doors at the Show Barn will be replaced with automatic functioning doors. The Show Barn and Stall Barn roofs will be scraped, resealed and reinsulated. The office roof will be replaced. The road construction project continues and moving along at a good pace. The last phase of the cement work which is the big parking lot will take place on May 13 after Vintage Market Days event.

Item No. 8 Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

Mr. Page reported the usual Ducks Unlimited and White Tails Unlimited took place earlier in April. Coming up is the Mud Factor 5K Fun Run and the Chisholm Trail Texas Longhorn Cattle Show. McKinney ISD Project Graduation will return this year and will take place the end of May. Also in May is Vintage Market Days, and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. In June the Boy Scouts Twilight Camp returns, Collin County Master Gardener A Walk in the Park, along with more FFA shows and horse shows.

Item No. 9 Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

Item No. 9 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.