

Collin County
Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board
Minutes
April 27, 2021

Item No. 1 Call to Order

Steven Wright called to order the meeting of the Myers Park and Event Center Advisory Board at 7:43 a.m. The following board members were present: Norman Gidney, Marianne Wells, Steven Wright, Ann Norton and Ebony Wilson. Myers Park staff present was Judy Moody, Mark Page, Jennifer Rogers and Joanie Bishop. Absent was Rutledge Haggard

Item No. 2 Review and Action to approve January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gidney made a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes, second by Ms. Wells.

Item No. 3 Update on Farm Museum

In regards to the Collection status, Ms. Rogers reports all exhibits and restoration projects in conjunction with various 4H Clubs and Girl Scouts are slowly being restarted this spring 2021. Few meetings have occurred, but attendance is very sporadic. It may be fall before the museum is back to full program mode. With the Education and Program status, tours are being scheduled starting in May and through the summer. Anticipate regular hours will start again in June. For the workshops, we have decided to split the classes. Online kit workshops take place on Tuesdays through July. Thursdays are in-person workshops, usually two during the day. This format will continue through August to October. The redesigned workshop spaces are still being used to follow health and safety guidelines and promote social distancing. Workshop space designated four 8x8' squares with a single workshop table separated by 3' aisles between them. Individuals from same household could reserve one to four tables for the in-person workshops. The "Let's Talk About..." outreach free Facebook Live series featuring history, cooking, sewing, etc continues to be popular. Currently averaging 200 views each week. Restoration volunteers are working periodically Tuesdays or Wednesdays and some Saturdays. They are not back yet to a regular schedule. Currently working to rebuild the volunteer core of educators and building back to a regular schedule between kits and workshops.

Item No.4 Update on PIP and Budget requests for FY 2022

Ms. Moody reported she made a presentation to the Parks and Open Space Board on April 8, 2021 which took place at the Park. She had Board members view in person several problems around the Park. These included the restoration of The Granary and Confinement Buildings, Amphitheater Restroom concrete slab not level between squares due to water damage, two small road areas by the Maintenance Building and Gazebo that were not cemented with the rest of the roadway in the park needs concrete, the Stall Barn has concrete issues causing stalls to pull up from concrete, cracks, and heaving areas, along with roll up doors not closing completely, and the Show Barn sidewalk and stairs continue to shift with cracks down the walls of the wash rack. After viewing these issues the Board is suggesting \$750,000 is needed to fix these items which may come from funds that have not been used. Another important issue is the need of updating the Audio/Visual equipment and connections in The Landing. This has been an ongoing issue since our current system is out of date and does not adapt to customer's current devices. Ms. Moody will go to the Budget workshop to ask for funding for this update which may be at least \$18,000.

Item No. 5 Update on current projects

Ms. Moody reported two grounds keeper position were recently vacated and have now hired two new employees to fill these positions. They will start in time to help with Vintage Market Days on Mother's Day weekend.

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

Mr. Page reported there were two large events that took place, the Monster Truck event in March which brought in 25,000 people over four shows; and the Music and Arts Festival in April which brought in approximately 6,000 people. Other recent events were the Chisholm Trail Texas Longhorn Association and several dog shows. Vintage Market Days will arrive on Mother's Day weekend. The Boy Scout Twilight camp returns after having to cancel their event last summer due to COVID. Many theater groups and Boy Scout groups have been using our amphitheater for various events. Our grounds staff work hard to continuously switch out from one event to another all while keeping the grounds looking pristine.

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Item No. 7 Possible future agenda items

Our next Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.** at The Landing at Myers Park.

Item No. 8 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.