

Collin County
Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board

Minutes

October 25, 2023

Item No. 1 Call to order

After establishing a quorum, Board Chair Rutledge Haggard called the Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Mr. Haggard welcomed board members and staff.

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

Board members absent: Marianne Wells and Ebony Wilson.

Myers Park staff present: Park Manager Judy Moody, Mark Page, Vanesa Rhodes, and Jennifer Rogers

Item No. 2 Review and Action to Approve July 25, 2023 meeting minutes

Board Member Matt Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2023 Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Steve Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 Update on Farm Museum

Farm Museum Coordinator Jennifer Rogers provided board members with a handout which provided updates on Collections & Exhibits, Work Orders, Education Programs, YTD revenue, and volunteer hours. Ms. Rogers advised board members that she and the volunteers are clearing out the Farm Museum break room to prepare it for video workshops that will go online during the months of June – September. Additionally, Rogers informed board members that the in person workshops are taking place during the months of October – May. Ms. Rogers highlighted the volunteer hours at the Farm Museum stating that YTD there has been 2771 hours donated which is equivalent to \$195,845.00.

Item No. 4 Update on recent and future events at Myers Park

Event Coordinator, Mark Page provided board members with a handout which gave information of the YTD events taken place at Myers Park. Mr. Page highlighted the Cross Country events that took place in September as well as a new bike ride event hosted by the American Diabetes Association. Page publically thanked the Myers Park Ground Crew for their work in filling dirt/sand into the cracks where the cross country students would race. Mr. Page stated the upcoming events this fall and winter are the

Collin County Master Gardeners Fall Plant Sale, Vintage Market Days, and the annual Collin County Junior Livestock show which will take place the second week in January.

Item No. 5 Update on FY 2024 Approved Budget

Park Manager Moody advised board members that the FY 2024 budget for Myers Park & Event Center had been approved, however the additional department requests were not adopted. Additionally the budget for the Farm Museum was approved, as well as the department request to add additional funds for educational supplies.

Item No. 6 Update Projects at Myers Park

Park Manager Moody informed board members that the park incurred an additional expense by having two dead/fallen trees removed that were behind the Gazebo and stated that now the erosion behind the Gazebo needed to be addressed and secured. Ms. Moody also reminded board members to vote at the upcoming elections in which the proposition for Park & Open Spaces fund allocation would be on the ballot.

Item No. 7 Discuss and any Action regarding updating By Laws

Park Manager Moody advised board members the major change on the By Laws were to change the name from Collin County Youth Park to Myers Park & Event Center where park name is mentioned. Board Member Rutledge Haggard made a motion to approve the name change to Myers Park & Event Center. The motion was seconded by Board Member Steve Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 Discuss and any Action regarding “Friends of Myers Park”

Board Member Thomas suggested that board members first identify what the Friends of Myers Park is, i.e. an association or a 501c3 organization. Second, Thomas proposed that the board members compile a list of organizations and individuals that value the park and want to sustain the park. He encouraged board members to obtain at least one representative from the identified organizations to be a part of the “Friends of Myers Park” grass roots effort.

Item No. 9 Possible future agenda items

Board members Wright and Thomas stated the “Friends of Myers Park” idea needed to be on the agenda again for further discussion.

Item No. 10 Adjourn

Board Chair Rutledge adjourned the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

The next Myers Park & Event Center Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in The Landing