

CITY OF FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
MINUTES OF: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE OF MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

MOVED
SECONDED
VOTED AYE
VOTED NAY

ROLL CALL WAS ANSWERED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: PAM PALILEO, JOE CHRIS ALEXANDER, PAUL CASIAS, FRANK RODRIGUEZ III, JAMES WARNOCK, RUBY BERNAL, NADINE ACOSTA, IVONNE ACOSTA, CASSANDRA COTA, SAVANNAH HOLLAND, JUSTIN HOLLAND, JOE ESPINO, ELIAS SANCHEZ, RACHEL RODRIGUEZ, OCTAVIO CONTRERAS, JUANITA CONTRERAS, ERNEST VILLANUEVA, BETHANY GAYLOR, JUAN VASQUEZ, VALERIE BUENO, SANTIAGO CANTU, ROBERT RAMIREZ, ROBERT LUJAN, JOE SHUSTER, JORDAN ROEBOCK, JOE BERNAL, VERONICA BERNAL, NATHAN HEUER, MARINA CANTU

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Mayor Alexander called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. after declaring a quorum present.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Discussion Regarding Development of Community Recreation Facility.

Mayor Alexander asked for public comments pertaining to the Development of Community Recreation Facility.

Nadine Acosta suggested the Community Recreation Facility have an indoor soccer field and batting cages.

Octavio Contreras stated there are approximately 6-7 travel teams and suggested the possibility of turf fields.

Justin Holland voiced the need to eliminate travel, which would bring money into our local economy. He agreed with the possibly of creating batting cages.

Mayor Alexander inquired if the batting cages in Odessa are frequently utilized.

Octavio Contreras stated the batting cages are most frequently utilized during weekends.

Joe Espino recalled his childhood when the HPE building was open to the public.

Council Member Palileo suggested a Community Recreation Facility that that provides volleyball courts, basketball courts, an arts & crafts center. A Community Center in which rooms could be converted for multiple uses.

Council Member Warnock suggested a Community Recreation Facility with racquetball courts, volleyball courts, basketball courts and an infield area.

Savanah Holland suggested opening the newly built pool to the public, which would eliminate the need for another pool.

Octavio Contreras recalled Summer Recreation being held for smaller children from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The afternoon was open to older kids.

Nadine Acosta recalled High School Students mentoring younger kids through the Summer Recreation Program.

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Mayor Alexander explained that the Fort Stockton Independent School District took over the Summer Recreation Program in 2014.

Nadine Acosta recalled baton twirling and gymnastics being offered through the Summer Recreation Program.

Intergovernmental Recreation Director Bernal advised everyone despite the Highschool students being paid, the Recreation Program continues to struggle providing enough referees.

Nadine Acosta stated the Summer Recreation Program would help working parents with supervision for their children.

Judge Shuster acknowledged the growth of the Recreation Program and explained that this Facility would take some time to complete.

He shared his vision for the Community Recreation Facility:

- 1st wing: volleyball court & basketball court
- 2nd wing: batting cages, 2 indoor soccer fields
- 3rd wing: weights, handball/racquetball courts
- 4th wing: TBD

He suggested an outdoor turf field.

He mentioned the possibility of constructing a chipping/putting course.

He reminded everyone that this is a long term project that both the County and City should continue to work together on.

Justin Holland suggested holding tournaments to help with funding.

City Manager Rodriguez explained that this has been a project in the working for the past 2 years. The City, County & School have been sharing ideas pertaining to this project.

Juan Vasquez suggested the Community Recreation Facility have an area for the Arts as not all children are interested in sports. He emphasized the need for community support.

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Joe Espino inquired a timeline for this project.

City Manager Rodriguez replied 2-3 more meeting would be held prior to reaching out to engineers.

Council Member Casias suggested the final drawings be done prior to starting the construction of the Community Recreation Facility. The reason for this is if any changes need to be made along the way it will prolong the project.

Mayor Alexander advised everyone that possible locations/properties for the Community Recreation Facility were being reviewed.

Rachel Rodriguez thanked everyone for their involvement and commitment to the community.

Valerie Bueno reminded everyone that the Community Recreation Facility would also benefit surrounding areas.

Robert Ramirez shared his idea of utilizing the property located across from Rooney Park. He suggested looking into Grants for possible funding options.

Mayor Alexander displayed photos from Reeves County. They have a FEMA rated dome that doubles as a shelter for Pecos.

Council Member Casias displayed photos of the Reeves County courts. He explained that a curtain is utilized to separate the two courts and keep sound in each respective court. He elaborated that they also have a pool and two hot tubs.

Joe Espino inquired when Reeves County began the project.

Council Member Casias responded that the progress being reported on the Reeves County Recreation Facility has been over a span of 9 months. They broke ground approximately 8 months ago.

Intergovernmental Recreation Board Member Elias Sanchez stressed the need for courts at this time.

Council Member Casias suggested a turf field with wind screens that could be rented out.

Mayor Alexander thanked everyone for taking time out their busy lives to be

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involved in the planning of the Community Recreation Facility.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

2. Adjourn.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the Special Meeting @ 6:54 p.m.



Joe Chris Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marina A. Cantu, City Secretary