

**MINUTES FOR POOL & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MARCH 9, 2020 6PM**  
**Clear Lake Shores Clubhouse**

In attendance were: Chris Richardson, Helle Brown, Pam House, Melissa Stauffer, Diana Chronister, Suzanne Hubbard, Angie Terrell (City Council Liaison), and Brent Spier (City Administrator)

1) **Call to Order** – By Chris Richardson at 6:02 PM.

2) **Public Comment** None

3) **Review and Discussion Items**

a) **Update regarding parks**

Helle – Sun Dial Park. Park looked perfect, so much improved from two years ago. The monofilament line container had been emptied, there was no trash or even cigarette butts.

Melissa – Deep Hole Park. A lot of fisherman using it over the weekend, so monofilament holder needs to be emptied, but generally good clean up is done by the fisherman. Helle indicated she would follow up with reporting the need for emptying to those who should know.

Diana – Grove. Several people are using the parking on a permanent basis. Brent reported that the police department has been made aware of the issue. The playground equipment is now open for use.

Suzanne – Shell Bottom Park. It is now open on weekends and is pretty chaotic. Cars without trailers have been parking there. A police car was briefly parked in one of the limited places, but was quickly moved when the policy chief was made aware of the problem.

Chris – Jarboe Park. Discussion of rules concerning fishing from the dock / piers there. Brent indicated that most fishing is prohibited, except from the T-head. This is due to the shallowness of the water from most locations around Jarboe.

b) **Update for installation for trash containers from EDC project and 2 trash containers for the pool area**

Brent reported that both of the portable trash containers for the pool area have arrived and that installation is planned to coincide with when the life guard staffing of the pool begins on June 16. Twenty concrete trash cans ordered as part of the EDC project have been received. Most will be installed once concrete pads have been poured in locations that have been determined are stable for placements and accessible for servicing. Each concrete container weighs about 800 pounds and will have plastic liners. Placement should be completed this summer. One or two of the containers will be kept in storage for future use as replacements as needed in the future. Suggestions for placement of the containers can be emailed to Brent.

c) **Update on arrival of custom bicycle racks to be installed in or near parks. EDC project.**

The manufacturer is located in Minneapolis and due to corona virus shutdowns and recent protests, there were delays in the manufacturing and delivery of the racks. Updates as to anticipated shipping will be given to Johnny Boultinghouse of the EDC shortly.

d) **Discussion regarding improper parking at boat ramp/Shell bottom Park. Why signs removed saying cars without trailers could not park there?**

Angie reported that when the ad hoc committee had reviewed the signs and applicable ordinances at Shell Bottom, they discovered that there was not an enforceable ordinance restricting parking to cars with trailers. There was discussion that it might be time to revisit the issue by the City Council. Angie urged reviewing the past discussions by the City Council concerning the boat ramp parking before making any recommendations. Pam and Melissa agreed to review the discussions and report back to the committee.

e) **Discussion regarding EDC & parks (Professional consultant to access parks & help with grants). Thomas Haaland liaison for our committee.**

Chris conveyed her discussion with Thomas where he indicated that the EDC was willing to entertain proposals coming from our committee. The EDC can fund quality of life projects, but can't fund ongoing maintenance. Brent suggested with the growth of residential areas across 2094 a future park project there might be needed.

**f) Discussion and update regarding Texas Aquatics hiring of lifeguards & resolution of pool locked on Mon. holiday.** – Brent indicated that Gulf Coast Aquatics plans to have life guards on site beginning June 16. Their procedures will include additional sanitizing and COVID warnings. The pool was locked on the Monday holiday by accident. There was discussion about who was responsible for locking and unlocking the gate. Chris indicated that she had spoken to two police officers on Saturday night who had “been told to have nothing to do with the pool.” Brent indicated that this was a misunderstanding.

**g) Update regarding solution for posting of temporary information on pool gate.**

Brent indicated that half an old sign will be used as a temporary backing for the attachment of notices at the pool.

**h) All clocks are gone from pool area. Discussion for adding 2 clocks.**

There was discussion of the absence of two clocks and the need for them in the pool area. Brent indicated that he would see to the acquisition of new clocks and they would be placed so that they could be seen; perhaps placement of one on the pergola over the kiddy pool.

**i) Discussion on possible conflict between rules in pool packet and recent changes in ordinances. Under General Pool Rules 1.a. and 2.**

(This item was discussed after Agenda Item 3(k) below.) Chris provided the committee with copies of the current city ordinance and the pool rules. One portion of the pool rules needed to be modified so that it was clear that children under twelve needed to be accompanied by a parent or guardian when a lifeguard was not on duty, and could be accompanied by a competent adult when a lifeguard was on duty. Brent indicated that he would make that change..

**j) Update regarding temporary restrictions for pool use – primarily for exercise. 25% occupancy, members bring their own chairs, taped off chairs being pulled out.**

Brent reported that the pool chairs and tables will not be made available until the pool is authorized to reopen to 100% occupancy. The occupancy rate will now be raised to 50% (60) and procedures will be followed to keep cross contamination to the minimum. Members can bring their own furniture for use.

There was discussion of the blackening in the pool and several tiles that have come loose. Brent indicated that the tile repair work completed cost about \$7500. The problems remain with the sandstone and probably can't be cured without replacement of all of the sandstone. Gulf Coast Aquatics will be including cleaning of the tile, including getting in the pool and scrubbing, as part of their maintenance.

Brent has sought quotes (for information for discussion and future planning) for complete retiling of the deck and along the waterline replacing all of the sandstone. He is expecting that it may be in the \$30,000 range.

**k) Report from Brent Spiers regarding budgetary numbers and costs.**

Pool maintenance has been higher than anticipated when making the budget, primarily because of the tile work. They have obtained new signs for the pool and Shell Bottom park area and included social media connects and QR code links to relevant sites. When the tile work was done on the pool, there was also a full health inspection completed. This inspection identified a couple of new no diving and depth notices in the pool that were required, and some marking of pipes. A new life ring and skimmer were purchased and a pump required rebuilding. The electrical light issue remains and Gulf Coast Aquatics has been requested to assist with an electrician that is familiar with pools for troubleshooting the issue that appears to be in the internal wiring of the pool to the lights.

There was discussion of changing the pool entrance from a code system to one utilizing key cards. This would prevent the sharing of gate codes, would allow programming different levels of access, and programmed locking and unlocking. A rough estimate of cost would be approximately \$7000.

Suzanne indicated that the budget for the pool and parks was difficult to understand and wondered if it would be possible to present the information in a different manner. There was further discussion about the issue and how to present budget request input to the city council.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam House