

CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS
AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 15, 2016 @ 5:30 pm
Port Aransas City Hall, 710 W. Avenue A
Port Aransas, Texas 78373

NOTICE is hereby given that the Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2016 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Port Aransas City Hall Council Chamber, 710 W. Avenue A, Port Aransas, Texas, and notice of meeting giving time, place, date and subject was posted as described in **V.T.C.A., Government Code §551.041** for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS: *In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Board is prohibited from acting or discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) any items brought before them at this time. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes or less.*

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. Discuss and take action on the July 25, 2016 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented.
- B. Presentation, update and general discussion of proposed changes to Nature Preserve Boundary as requested by Board at the July 25, 2016 meeting.
- C. Presentation, update and general discussion on status of the parks and open space bids received.
- D. Presentation, update and general discussion of grant opportunities and status of current grant applications.
- E. General discussion on the purpose, composition, function and duties of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

4. MONTHLY STAFF REPORT – Presentation, general discussion from the Parks and Recreation Director on monthly reports, activities and upcoming events.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION - *Expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolences; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary recognition of city officials, employees or other citizens; reminders about upcoming events sponsored by the City or other entity that are scheduled to be attended by a city official or city employee.*

6. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact City Secretary Irma Parker at 361-749-4111 or facsimile 749-4128 or by email at iparker@cityofportaransas.org for further information. Braille Is Not Available. The City of Port Aransas reserves the right to convene into Closed Session under Government Code 551.071 thru 551-074 and 551.086.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall, 710 W. Avenue A, Port Aransas, Texas on August 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. and on the City's webpage at www.cityofportaransas.org.

Irma G. Parker, City Secretary

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the City Council was removed by me from the City Hall bulletin board on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

By: _____ Title: _____



CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 09, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 3-B

Presentation, update and general discussion of proposed changes to Nature Preserve Boundary as requested by Board at the July 25, 2016 meeting.

COMMENTARY: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members and staff presented items for funding for fiscal year 2016-2017 at the previous Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Attached is the draft 2016-2017 proposed CIP's that was developed jointly by the Parks and Recreation Board and the Parks and Recreation Staff that will be used to request funds outside the general budget to be submitted by Parks and Recreation Staff that was created by Chairman Scott Holt. All board members and Parks and Recreation selected projects are listed in a prioritized list and City staff will allocate them to appropriate funding sources for the budgeting process. Chairman Scott Holt has requested that each board member review the attached list and to be prepared to provide better cost/design estimates for items of choice and to discuss ranking criteria at the May 16, 2016 board meeting.

The board will also discuss the process of presenting the list to RDC and other entities as appropriate.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PORT ARANSAS CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 18 “PUBLIC PLACES, PROPERTY AND SERVICES”, ARTICLE VIII. “PUBLIC PARKS” BY DELETING SECTIONS 18-240, 18-241, 18-242 AND 18-243 IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO IDENTIFY THE PARK FACILITIES, GENERAL RULES, PROHIBITION, PARK HOURS AND PERFORMING GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE, READING, PENALTY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DELETION

That Chapter 18 “Public Places, Property and Services”, Article VIII. “Public Parks”, Section 18-240 “Port Aransas Community Park general rules”, Section 18-241 “Port Aransas Nature Preserve”, Section 18-242 “Rules for the Leonabelle Turnbull and the Joan and Scott Holt Paradise Pond Birding Centers”, and Section 18-243 “Skate park Rules” is hereby deleted in its entirety to wit:

~~Sec. 18-240. – Port Aransas Community Park general rules.~~

~~The following rules and regulations shall be applicable to Port Aransas Community Park:~~

- ~~(1) The park shall be open only during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily and no person shall be in or on the park or on its grounds or facilities or property other than during those hours, with the following exceptions: The jogging track will open at 6:00 a.m. and organized, structured programs and activities which are sanctioned by the city parks and recreation department may be conducted between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.~~
- ~~(2) All vehicles must remain on paved surfaces within designated areas only.~~
- ~~(3) No open fires are permitted.~~
- ~~(4) Possession of firearms is prohibited.~~
- ~~(5) Removal of plant life is prohibited.~~
- ~~(6) Pets must be on a leash and feces must be removed and disposed of properly by the owner.~~
- ~~(7) Littering, damaging or defacing park facilities is prohibited.~~
- ~~(8) Use of amplified sound equipment (other than ballfield public address system) is prohibited.~~
- ~~(9) Use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.~~
- ~~(10) Parents or other responsible adult must supervise minor children using the playground.~~
- ~~(11) Hunting and fishing are prohibited.~~
- ~~(12) The speed limit for all vehicles on roadways in the park area is five (5) miles per hour.~~
- ~~(13) No bicycles, skateboards, or skates are allowed in the bathhouse, picnic shelter area, or playground area.~~
- ~~(14) No swimming is allowed in the pond.~~
- ~~(15) Smoking of tobacco products, except in areas designated by city staff, is prohibited, and in those areas if containers for disposal of tobacco products are provided, they must be used.~~

~~Sec. 18-241. – Port Aransas Nature Preserve.~~

~~The following rules and regulations shall be applicable to Port Aransas Nature Preserve:~~

- ~~(1) The nature preserve shall be open dawn to dusk, seven (7) days a week and no person shall be in or on the preserve or on its grounds or facilities or property other than during those hours.~~
- ~~(2) Overnight camping is not allowed.~~
- ~~(3) Wildlife is protected within the nature preserve. It is unlawful to injure or harm wildlife.~~
- ~~(4) Possession of all firearms and weapons is prohibited. Prohibition does not include: A peace officer as defined by V.T.C.A., Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 2.12 or a person who possesses a concealed handgun and a license issued under V.T.C.A., Government Code Ch. 411, Subch. H, to carry a concealed handgun of the same category as a handgun the person is carrying. Shooting into the nature preserve from beyond its boundaries or discharging firearms within the nature preserve is prohibited.~~

- ~~(5) Removal of plant life is prohibited. No one may remove any natural objects from the nature preserve. Everyone must carry out everything he or she brings in. Collecting or disturbing plants or animals is not permitted without prior permission for approved teaching or research activity. Those claiming possession of a permit must be able to produce it upon request. Permits are obtainable through the park department and will carry the stamp of the department.~~
- ~~(6) Littering, damaging or defacing park facilities are prohibited. Trash containers at viewing sites must be used for deposit of all trash.~~
- ~~(7) Use of amplified sound equipment is prohibited. Stereos, amplifiers, other electrical sound equipment or taped calls to attract wildlife are prohibited.~~
- ~~(8) Use and possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.~~
- ~~(9) Parents or other responsible adult over eighteen (18) years of age must accompany and supervise children under twelve (12) years of age.~~
- ~~(10) No skateboards or skates are allowed.~~
- ~~(11) Smoking of tobacco products, except in areas designated by city staff, is prohibited, and in those areas, if containers for disposal of tobacco products are provided, they must be used.~~
- ~~(12) All federal and state regulations and Port Aransas City ordinances apply in the nature preserve.~~
- ~~(13) Glass containers are not allowed.~~
- ~~(14) Visitors must stay on designated trails posted and provided for use. Guided only trails are available by appointment at the point of contact and according to accessibility restrictions.~~
- ~~(15) Fishing and bait catching are allowed only in areas along bulkhead or piper channel. Hunting and trapping are prohibited. All state fishing regulations apply.~~
- ~~(16) Firecrackers and other fireworks are prohibited in the nature preserve.~~
- ~~(17) Organized groups such as camps, recreation programs, and families, consisting of more than twenty (20) people, must make a reservation with the park department prior to visiting.~~
- ~~(18) Fires and gathering of firewood are not permitted.~~
- ~~(19) Pets are not allowed in the nature preserve, except that service animals accompanying disabled persons and qualifying as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act are permitted within the nature preserve.~~
- ~~(20) Only official entrances and exits designated as such may be used to enter or exit the preserve.~~
- ~~(21) Bicycling is encouraged, but is only allowed on designated trails.~~
- ~~(22) Vehicular traffic is allowed only on designated roads and parking areas.~~
- ~~(23) Peddling and soliciting are prohibited.~~
- ~~(24) Scattering feed or seed or any food of any kind is prohibited. Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.~~
- ~~(25) Any infraction of a duly adopted nature preserve rule constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and is punishable by law. All Port Aransas City ordinances also apply in the nature preserve.~~
~~Notwithstanding the above and as an exception to the above, the city may engage in such activities and conduct and take such action as is reasonable, in its discretion, to maintain, improve, repair, operate, and police the preserve and its facilities.~~

Sec. 18-242. – Rules for the Leonabelle Turnbull and the Joan and Scott Holt Paradise Pond Birding Centers.

The following rules and regulations shall be applicable to the Leonabelle Turnbull and the Joan and Scott Holt Paradise Pond Birding Centers.

- ~~(1) The birding centers shall be open one (1) hour before dawn to one (1) hour past dusk, seven (7) days a week and no person shall be in or on the property other than during those hours.~~
- ~~(2) Overnight camping is not allowed.~~
- ~~(3) Wildlife is protected within the birding centers. It is unlawful to injure, harm, remove, or introduce wildlife without express permission of the city's parks and recreation department.~~
- ~~(4) Possession of all firearms and weapons is prohibited. Prohibition does not include: a peace officer as defined by V.T.C.A. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure or a person who possesses a concealed handgun and a license issued under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, to carry a concealed handgun of the same category as a handgun the person is carrying. Shooting into the birding center from beyond its boundaries or discharging firearms within the birding center is prohibited except as allowed by state law.~~
- ~~(5) Removal or introduction of plant life is prohibited. No one may remove any natural objects from the birding center. Collecting or disturbing plants or animals is not permitted without prior permission for approved teaching or research activity. Those claiming possession of a permit must be able to produce it upon request. Permits are obtainable through the city's parks and recreation department and will carry the stamp of the department.~~
- ~~(6) Littering, damaging or defacing facilities in the birding center is prohibited. Trash containers at viewing sites must be used for deposit of all trash.~~

- ~~(7) Use of sound equipment is prohibited except for low volume calls to attract birds.~~
- ~~(8) Use and possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.~~
- ~~(9) A parent or other responsible adult over eighteen (18) years of age must accompany and supervise children less than ten (10) years of age.~~
- ~~(10) No bicycles, skateboards, or skates are allowed on the boardwalk. No watercraft are allowed in the pond.~~
- ~~(11) Smoking is prohibited.~~
- ~~(12) All federal and state regulations and Port Aransas City ordinances apply in the birding center.~~
- ~~(13) Glass containers are not allowed.~~
- ~~(14) Visitors must stay on designated walkways.~~
- ~~(15) Fishing and bait catching are not allowed. Hunting and trapping are prohibited.~~
- ~~(16) Fireworks are prohibited.~~
- ~~(17) Fires and gathering of firewood are not permitted.~~
- ~~(18) Pets are not allowed in the birding center except that service animals accompanying disabled persons and qualifying as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act are permitted.~~
- ~~(19) Only official entrances and exits designated as such may be used to enter or exit the birding center.~~
- ~~(20) Peddling and soliciting are prohibited.~~
- ~~(21) Scattering feed or seed or any food of any kind is prohibited except for feeding programs authorized by the city's parks and recreation department.~~
- ~~(22) Any infraction of a duly adopted birding center rule constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and is punishable by law. Notwithstanding the above and as an exception to the above, the city may engage in such activities and conduct and take such action as is reasonable, in its discretion, to maintain, improve, repair, operate, and police the birding center and its facilities as long as it is in accordance with the Brazilian Pepper Tree Control and Replacement Plan.~~

Sec. 18-243. – Skatepark rules.

In addition to the Community Park general rules, the following rules apply in the skatepark:

- ~~(1) Only skateboards, in line skates, and rollerskates are allowed, all other uses are prohibited.~~
- ~~(2) Proper safety equipment is recommended at all times.~~
- ~~(3) Skating is allowed in authorized areas only.~~
- ~~(4) No alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal substances are allowed.~~
- ~~(5) No tagging, graffiti, or placement of stickers is allowed.~~
- ~~(6) The City of Port Aransas reserves the right to revoke use privileges from those who violate any park rules.~~
- ~~(7) No outside obstacles are allowed in the skatepark.~~
- ~~(8) No glass containers are allowed.~~
- ~~(9) Trash must be properly disposed of.~~
- ~~(10) All other park rules and ordinances apply.~~

SECTION 2. ADDITION

That Chapter 18 “Public Places, Property and Services”, Article VIII. “Public Parks”, is hereby added to wit:

ARTICLE VIII. - PUBLIC PARKS

Section 18-240. In General

- (a) All federal and state regulations and Port Aransas City ordinances apply in the park system. Any infraction of a duly adopted City of Port Aransas rule constitutes a Class C misdemeanor and is punishable by law.**
- (b) The city may engage in such activities and conduct and take such action as is reasonable, in its discretion, to maintain, improve, repair, operate, and police the park system. The Brazilian Pepper Tree Control and Replacement Plan will be monitored with reasonable accommodations made as needed.**

Section 18-241. Parks Designated

The following facilities are designated as a City of Port Aransas Parks.

1. **Community Park comprised by the following facilities –**
 - a. **Fields – Baseball, volleyball, basketball, pickleball**
 - b. **Swimming Pool**
 - c. **Skatepark**
 - d. **Inline Skate Rink**
 - e. **Walking/Jogging Paths and Trails**
2. **Nature Preserves are comprised by the following facilities:**
 - a. **Charlie’s Pasture**
 - b. **Leonabelle Turnbull Birding Center**
 - c. **Scott & Joan Holt Paradise Pond Birding Center**
 - d. **Hwy 361 Wetland Park**
3. **Robert’s Point Park**
4. **SH 361 Wetland (Overlook) Park**

Section 18-242. General Rules

The following rules and regulations shall be applicable to all Park facilities:

1. **Vehicles - All vehicles must remain on paved surfaces within designated areas only.**
2. **Pets must be on a leash and feces must be removed and disposed of properly by the owner.**
3. **Parents or other responsible adult over eighteen (18) years of age must accompany and supervise children under twelve (12) years of age.**
4. **Visitors must stay on designated trails posted and provided for use. Guided-only trails are available by appointment at the point of contact and according to accessibility restrictions.**
5. **The speed limit for all vehicles on roadways in the park area is five (5) miles per hour.**
6. **Smoking of tobacco products, except in areas designated by city staff, is prohibited, and in those areas if containers for disposal of tobacco products are provided, they must be used.**
7. **Fishing and bait catching are allowed only in areas along bulkhead or Piper Channel. All state fishing regulations apply.**
8. **Organized groups such as camps, recreation programs, and families, consisting of more than twenty (20) people, must make a reservation with the park department prior to visiting.**
9. **Only official entrances and exits designated as such may be used to enter or exit the preserve areas.**
10. **Wildlife is protected within the parks system. It is unlawful to injure, harm, remove, or introduce wildlife without express permission of the city's parks and recreation department.**
11. **The City of Port Aransas reserves the right to revoke use privileges from those who violate any park rules.**

Section 18-243. Prohibitions

The following prohibitions apply to all park facilities unless otherwise noted:

- 1) **Open fires and gathering of firewood;**

- 2) Possession of firearms. Prohibition does not include a peace officer as defined by V.T.C.A., Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 2.12 or a person who possesses a concealed handgun and a license issued under V.T.C.A., Government Code Ch. 411, Subch. H, to carry a concealed handgun of the same category as a handgun the person is carrying. Shooting into the nature preserve from beyond its boundaries or discharging firearms within the nature preserve is prohibited;
- 3) Removal of plant life. No one may remove any natural objects from the nature preserve. Everyone must carry out everything he or she brings in. Collecting or disturbing plants or animals is not permitted without prior permission for approved teaching or research activity. Those claiming possession of a permit must be able to produce it upon request. Permits are obtainable through the park department and will carry the stamp of the department;
- 4) Littering, damaging or defacing park facilities. Trash containers at viewing sites/parks must be used for deposit of all trash;
- 5) Use of amplified sound equipment i.e. stereos, electrical sound equipment to attract wildlife other than ballfield public address system;
- 6) Use or possession of alcoholic beverages;
- 7) Hunting, fishing, and trapping;
- 8) Bicycles, skateboards, or skates in the bathhouse, picnic shelter area, playground area or boardwalk;
- 9) Swimming in the pond(s);
- 10) Overnight camping;
- 11) Injuring or harming wildlife - Wildlife is protected;
- 12) Glass containers;
- 13) Firecrackers and other fireworks;
- 14) Pets are not allowed in the nature preserve, except that service animals accompanying disabled persons and qualifying as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act are permitted within the nature preserve;
- 15) Peddling and soliciting;
- 16) Feeding of wildlife, the scattering of feed or seed or any food of any kind;
- 17) Watercraft;
- 18) No tagging, graffiti, or placement of stickers; and
- 19) Skate/Inline Skate Rink:
 - a. Only skateboards, in-line skates, and roller skates are allowed.
 - b. Proper safety equipment is recommended at all times.
 - c. Skating is allowed in authorized areas only.
 - d. No outside obstacles

Section 18-244. Park Hours

No person shall be in or on any park grounds or facilities or property other than during these hours:

- (a) Community Park: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily.

- (b) Community Park Jogging track: Opens at 6:00 am. Organized, structured programs and activities which are sanctioned by the city parks and recreation department may be conducted between the hours of 6:00 am and 11:00 pm.
- (c) Nature Preserve: dawn to dusk, seven (7) days a week
- (d) Nature Preserve Birding facilities - Leonabelle Turnbull, Joan and Scott Holt Paradise Pond: one (1) hour before dawn to one (1) hour past dusk, seven (7) days a week.

Secs. 18-245—18-249. - Reserved.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

As provided by Article III, Section 12.C. and by Article XII, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Port Aransas, this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption upon adoption on third and final reading and upon publication of the Ordinance Header in the City's official newspaper.

SECTION 4. READING.

As provided by Article III, Section 13 and Article III, Section 12.b. of the Charter of the City of Port Aransas, this ordinance or the caption of it shall be read at three city council meetings with at least one week elapsing between each reading.

SECTION 5. SEVERANCE.

If any part of this ordinance is invalid or void or is declared to be so, then said part shall be severed from the balance of this ordinance and said invalidity shall not affect the balance of this ordinance, the balance of the ordinance to be read as if said invalid or void portion thereof were not included.

SECTION 6. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in accordance with Chapter 1, "General Provisions," Section 1-15, "General Penalty for Violations of Code; Continuing Violations" Port Aransas Code of Ordinances. Each such violation shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

PASSED, ORDAINED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS

Charles R. Bujan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Irma Parker, City Secretary

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____