

**CITY OF SANTA FE  
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024 5:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson Rebecca Martinez.

Roll Call: Present: Chairperson Rebecca Martinez  
Associate Chairperson John Murello  
Board Member Mike Winburn  
Board Member Nina Cederburg, arrived at 5:33 p.m.  
Board Member Kara Campbell

Absent: Board Member Chris Bozeman  
Board Member Hunter Stollings

The Invocation was given by Associate Chairperson Murello, who then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag.

**IV. Citizens' Comments:**

There were no comments from citizens.

**V. Business:**

**A. Old Business:**

**1. Consideration and possible action: Involvement of the Park and Recreation Board for the 2024 Heritage Festival to be held on November 9, 2024, at Runge Park**

During the October 24, 2024, Santa Fe City Council Regular Meeting, the Council voted to allocate a \$5,000 donation from the City of Santa Fe to the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce for the sponsorship of the Kids Zone at the Heritage Festival that will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Runge Park.

The Council's decision included the stipulation that the Park and Recreation Board members volunteer in the Kids Zone and there be no cost of admission into the Kids Zone. Chairperson Martinez stated that she had conferred with Mayor Brandon Noto regarding the Council's stipulation, asserting that Board members cannot be compelled to volunteer in the Kids Zone, and that any attendance by Board members in that capacity is strictly on a voluntary basis. The City's sponsorship guarantees the free admission to the Kids Zone.

Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce (the "Chamber") Board Member Terri O'Connell stated that the \$5,000 donation would be applied to include the following five (5) Kids Zone activities:

- Adrenaline Rush
- Bounce house
- Toddler house
- Obstacle course
- Combo slide

Mrs. O'Connell explained that the Chamber is in dire need of several volunteers, and without them, the Chamber would have to resort to using a portion of the donated funds to pay for individuals to be hired at \$45 per hour per worker, leaving the Chamber only able to afford four (4) of the pieces of equipment for the aforementioned Kids Zone.

Mrs. O'Connell stated that the City Council had asked for an invoice for the Kids Zone equipment, but she does not have an accurate one yet, due to not knowing whether there would be five play stations or four play stations and the payment of workers.

Mrs. O'Connell said that the Junior League of Pearland has offered to help, but she has not yet received confirmation on the number of volunteers they would be sending. Associate Chairperson Murello said that he will ask his wife, who is a member of the Junior League of Galveston County, for volunteer confirmation. Chairperson Martinez stated that she will ask the National Honor Society students if they are interested in volunteering for community service hours.

Chairperson Martinez, Board Member Cederburg, and Board Member Winburn and his wife, Barbara will be able to volunteer at various times during the event.

Chamber President/CEO Karla Dunham stated that while advance volunteer registration is not necessary, it helps to keep track of how many volunteers are needed. Mrs. Dunham said that the volunteer form can be found on the Heritage Festival event page on the Chamber's website.

Mrs. O'Connell announced that the Chamber has procured two big banners for the event that announce the Santa Fe Park and Recreation Board's sponsorship of the Kids Zone.

#### **VI. Request for Future Agenda Items**

The Board members agreed to discuss the Christmas Tree Lighting at the next Regular Meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2024.

Motion to adjourn by Board Member Winburn, seconded by Associate Chairperson Murello. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

  
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Rebecca Martinez, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Georgia Argentine, Community Services Director