

FREEPORT RECREATION BOARD
March 6, 2018 Bi-Annual Meeting

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall by Co-Chair Racyne Digges.

Board Members present: Racyne Digges (Co-Chair), Trint DiMaggio, Craig Haley, Jeffrey Weller. Board members absent: Monnie Mixon.

Staff members present: Board Attorney Clay Adkinson, Planning Director Latilda Hughes-Neel, Panning Technician Elizabeth McCombs.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Co-Chair Digges, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. Introductions/Board Members-Board Staff

IV. Introductions/Parks & Recreation Director Charlie Simmons

V. Approval of July 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Board Action: DiMaggio motioned to approve the July 18, 2017 Recreation Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Haley seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

VI. Parks & Recreation Operations/Charlie Simmons

Simmons gave an overview of the Parks & Recreation Park operations and maintenance.

VII. Master Recreation Plan/Charlie Simmons

Simmons invited the Board to carefully review the current adopted Recreation Plan and forward any concerns or ideas. Simmons also discussed the planned Splashpad improvements at the Children's Playground area of the Freeport Regional Sports Complex and the Fitness Trail planned for the south side of Hammock Trail East on the Sports Complex property. Simmons also discussed options for a potential skatepark.

Hughes-Neel committed to creating a draft survey regarding the community interest in having a skatepark to be mailed out to Freeport water customers.

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VIII. Land Development Code Updates/Latilda Hughes-Neel

Hughes, shared an overview of the Planning & Zoning Department function. She also reviewed the 2017 Development Annual Report:

- 17 new businesses creating 224 new jobs.
- 10 new developments creating 421 residential units and 39,307 square feet commercial/industrial
- 9 development projects in the review process which will create 108 single family dwelling units and 71,165 square feet of non-residential space

IX. Public Comment/Board Discussion

The Board discussed having Chair/Co-Chair elections at the meeting in July.

Per Attorney Adkinson, the Recreation Plan Review will be a standing item on the Recreation Board Agenda.

Per Director Hughes-Neel, the skatepark survey draft will be placed on the July Agenda for review/approval.

X. Adjournment

Co-Chair Digges called for a motion to adjourn. DiMaggio motioned to adjourn. Haley seconded the motion. All ayes; the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.