



City of Hutto

Agenda

Parks Advisory Board

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- 4.1. Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes from the regular scheduled Parks Advisory Board meeting held on August 8, 2021.
- 4.2. Consideration and possible action on the renaming of Brushy Creek parks.
- 4.3. Update on the Texas Wildlife Commission Grant.
- 4.4. Discussion and possible action on recommending approval with City Council for setting up a yard tool rental facility at the Parks office.
- 4.5. Discussion and possible action on pursuing a grant from the Williamson County Commissioners Court to be used at (one of) our parks.
- 4.6. Receive an update from city staff about Tree City USA recognition application
- 4.7. Discussion and possible action on the Parks Capital Improvement Plan.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1. Departmental update and plans for restarting recreational activities.

6. ADJOURNMENT

7. CERTIFICATION

I certify that this notice of the Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Hutto Parks Advisory Board meeting was posted on the City of Hutto website and the City Hall bulletin board of the City of Hutto on Friday, October 8, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.




Angel Kavanaugh, Management Assistant

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AGENDA ITEM REPORT



To: Parks Advisory Board
Subject: Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes from the regular scheduled Parks Advisory Board meeting held on August 8, 2021.
Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Department: Community Services
Staff Contact:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

STAFF REVIEW:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks Advisory Board Minutes 9.8.2021



City of Hutto

Minutes

Parks Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER

6:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Members of the Parks Advisory Board in attendance were: Rose McMillin, Sharon Dyer, Perry Savard, Deborah McPherson and Katie Weiss on phone, Wendell Teltow has resigned and David Meyer absent. City Staff present were Tony Host, Director of Community Services and Angel Kavanaugh, Management Assistant.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes from the regular scheduled Parks advisory meeting held on August 11,2021.

Board member Sharon Dyer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the regular scheduled Parks advisory meeting held on August 11,2021 as written, seconded by Board member Rose McMillin. Motion passed 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

4.2. Update and discussion on the Texas Wildlife Grant.

Tony updated Board on the status of the Texas Wildlife Grant, to date there has been no word from Texas wildlife. We have attempted to call them 4 times since sending them the documents.

4.3. Update and discussion of price comparison of rubber mulch vs mini mulch currently used in playgrounds.

Tony Host updated the board on the pros and cons of Rubber mulch vs Organic Mulch the most important being the cost. Rubber mulch is approx. \$10-\$15 per cubic foot where Organic mulch is around \$2 to \$3 a cubic foot. Spoke of the Pros and Cons and discussion resulted in the Rubber mulch being too expensive in the long run.

4.4. Update from Parks Advisory Board liaisons- providing feedback on assigned park(s)

Chair Perry Savard assigned Brushy Creek parks to Deborah McPherson due to Wendel Teltow resignation.

4.5. Updates from the Parks Advisory Naming Committee.

Committee presented Board and Staff with 4 proposed names, Heritage Park at Brushy Creek,

Hippo Heritage Park at Brushy Creek, Shilo Park, and Adam Orgain Park at Brushy Creek. Board recommended that the “at Brushy Creek” be removed from all proposed names, and to take Hippo Heritage Park out of the running. Tony stated that the 3 remaining names would be presented at the October Council following the October 13th Parks Advisory Board Meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Mike Snyder was in attendance and wanted to bring some ideas to the table.

1. Possible tool trailer for renting or checking out yard tools. Lowes would provide basic tools and much like the Library you could rent them and return. Looking at about \$20,000 for a trailer with Logo, unknown about who would run or keep track of this. Reach out to Round Rock as they currently have this program.
2. Williamson County grant 25,000 and possibly more, look into a Veterans Memorial, shelter, playground, something for the parks. Recommended to go to Brushy Creek, add both to next agenda, to be presented to council.

6. ADJOURNMENT

7:19 PM

7. CERTIFICATION

I certify that this notice of the Hutto Parks Advisory Board meeting was posted on the City of Hutto website and the City Hall bulletin board of the City of Hutto on September 3, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Chair

AGENDA ITEM REPORT



To: Parks Advisory Board
Subject: Consideration and possible action on the renaming of Brushy Creek parks.
Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Department: Community Services
Staff Contact:

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1. Heritage Park Justification
2. Shiloh Park (1)
3. Orgain Park HPSCAN_2021090116581425_2021-09-01_165953619

Proposed Name:

Heritage Park at Brushy Creek

Justification:

As Hutto's population grows, it is more important than ever to preserve our town's heritage. It has been said that a name can invoke powerful emotions, create images, and help to recall history. Naming this park *Heritage Park* will do all of this. This Park, located near a historic cemetery and surrounded by several others, is an ideal place to bring our communities together to commemorate Hutto's past, present, and future.

Heritage Park is inclusive of the other three proposed park names. Each has its own identity and tells a part of Hutto's history, but together all are part of Hutto's heritage.

Park amenities could include bronze sculptures to tell the history of Hutto, along with educational signage depicting a timeline of that history. Another feature could be a Veterans Monument or Memorial Wall honoring Hutto's veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Pros:

Heritage Park provides an opportunity for people with different life experiences to connect with one another to honor Hutto. Currently, the Fourth of July is held at this park, and other community events are planned.

Cons:

Pflugerville has a park named Heritage Park.

Conclusion:

Heritage Park is the ideal name for a park to connect our citizens as we celebrate and honor our past, present, and future.

Naming of Pollard Property

Proposed Name:

Shiloh Park

Justification:

The community of Shiloh sprang up on the banks of Brushy Creek. It was located near Wilbarger Crossing, later called Shiloh Crossing and Rogan Crossing. The small community which the cemetery originally served no longer exists; however, it predated Hutto. The demise of Shiloh may be in part due to the founding of Hutto as families relocated to that nearby town as the railroad made its entry into the area. The Shiloh settlement dates to 1848 when Nelson Morey and Josiah Taylor established stores in the area along Brushy Creek.

The land where the cemetery sits was part of an original land grant #9575 for 1852 acres issued to the heirs of William Gatlin, “who was an officer in the Army of the Republic of Texas and was killed at the defeat of Col. Fannin by the Mexican Army.”

Overview - Located near Hutto, Williamson County, Texas the community of Shiloh consisted of a school, a church, two stores and a few residents who lived on or near Brushy Creek. This area was a cattle crossing during the days following the Civil War but before that it had been a major route taken by many as they advanced southward through Texas. The residents of Shiloh made up some of the first settlers of Hutto once its railroad came through. Many of the early families who lived in Shiloh were buried or have relatives who were buried in Shiloh-McCutcheon Cemetery known as both the Shiloh Cemetery and the McCutcheon Cemetery during the earlier years. However, the first burial in the cemetery was attributed to the death of a woman passing through the area. The first recorded burial was that of Josiah Kuykendall who became ill with smallpox after a traveler spent the night at the Kuykendall home. Josiah’s brother Mark, who lived nearby came to care for his brother during the illness. They both died and were buried in the Shiloh Cemetery in 1853.

Pros:

Historical

Cons:

The Battle of Shiloh took place in Tennessee during the Civil War - Battle of Shiloh is the seventh-costliest land battle of the American Civil War (23,746 casualties)

Conclusion:

Naming the new property the Shiloh Park would capture the historical aspect of the area. A google search showed no other parks with this name. The site of the Civil War battle is named Shiloh National Military Park.

Proposed Name:

Adam Orgain Park at Brushy Creek

I am submitting the name of "Adam Orgain Park at Brushy Creek" for the park now known as Brushy Creek Amphitheatre Park.

Justification:

The first person to live in Hutto was not a Hutto, he was a Black man named Adam Orgain. Much information about Adam Orgain is supposition. 1880 United States Census records show that he was born a slave in 1837 in Tennessee.

Adam Orgain, a slave, 17 years old was the first person to settle in Hutto in the Blacklands at Brushy Creek, not far from Cottonwood Creek. (He lived in the wilds of the Grasslands North of Brushy Creek in Williamson County). He was a slave and worked the land for John Henry Orgain. Adam was 43 years old when he was able to purchase 5 acres for \$125.00. He lived and farmed this land with his wife and two sons. In 1893, his wife passed and he sold the land for \$2,000.00. He used a portion of these funds to purchase a headstone for his deceased wife. It was supposed that Adam watched over the Orgain cattle land and was a livestock handler. Years later, this land would eventually be turned into cotton fields. Adam probably lived in a primitive one room log cabin with a fireplace, as was common for the time.

A white marble base stone to a family tombstone inscribed ORGAIN was found behind a small house in Hutto on Jim Cage Street and Austin Avenue. This tombstone may have belonged to the Adam Orgain family. The tombstone is now located with museum items at the Chamber of Commerce.

Conclusion:

I know there is a short street named Orgain in Hutto, south of the Railroad tracks. I believe naming this park after Adam Orgain would help with diversity in Hutto. He was the first person and family to live in Hutto. A great part of Hutto's history.

Pros:

Historical - Diversity

Cons:

None

Thank you for considering this submission for naming this park in Honor of Adam Orgain.
Submitted by Sharon A Dyer, Park Board Member 2021

AGENDA ITEM REPORT



To: Parks Advisory Board
Subject: Update on the Texas Wildlife Commission Grant.
Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Department: Community Services
Staff Contact:

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None

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1. TLC Flyer

The City of Round Rock's Tool Lending Center



Inside the Tool Lending Center



- ◆ The Tool Lending Center has 293 tools.
- ◆ We have checked out over 600 tools to date.
- ◆ The most checked out tools have been: lawn mowers, weed trimmers, wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes.
- ◆ 800 volunteers have donated a total of 3,300 hours of service in the seventeen deployments.

The TLC was made possible by the Round Rock Home Depot donating \$6,250 worth of tools.

The Tool Lending Center is **designed to be deployed for organized projects such as neighborhood cleanups** or other beautification projects where volunteers (scouts, church groups, school groups, etc.) are organized and available. At this time the Tool Lending Center is **not available for individuals to check out tools** that are not part of an organized event. We are studying the interest level and logistics of making the Tool Lending Center available for all 103,000 residents to checkout tools on an individual basis. There is no cost to check-out a tool or to deploy the Tool Lending Center. The Tool Lending Center is available to be deployed at any time within Round Rock.

A full inventory of the tools available inside the Tool Lending Center can be found on the City's website (www.roundrocktexas.gov).

To learn more or make a reservation for the Tool Lending Center, call the Community Engagement Administrator, Joe Brehm at 512-341-3148 or send him an email jbrehm@roundrocktexas.gov.

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To: Parks Advisory Board
Subject: Receive an update from city staff about Tree City USA recognition application
Meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Department: Community Services
Staff Contact: Angel Kavanaugh

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Hutto received the Tree City USA community recognition in 2018 with the Parks Advisory Board serving as the entity responsible for community trees. Hutto will be pursuing the Tree City USA community recognition for 2021. There are only 4 standards - 1. A community board overseeing trees 2. A tree care ordinance 3. At least \$2 per capita spent on trees annually 4. an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The City will be applying before the December 31 deadline."

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To: Parks Advisory Board
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