

JUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021  
6:00 P.M.  
415 NORTH COLLEGE STREET  
JUSTIN, TEXAS 76247

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**III.** In order to expedite the flow of business and to provide all the citizens the opportunity to speak, the Park and Recreation Committee Chair may impose a three-minute limitation on any person addressing the board.

**IV. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion regarding updates on new developments related to parks.
2. Discuss potential funding for future projects and improvements.
3. Discuss, and Consider Ballfield lighting at Community Park.
4. Discuss, and Consider regarding the Disc Golf location and parking.
5. Discuss, and Consider Parks and Recreation Advisory Board objectives, and statement that defines the Board.
6. Discussion regarding options for fundraising.

**V. CONSENT**

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Park Board minutes dated November 2, 2021.

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**VII. ADJOURN**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the Justin Parks and Recreation Committee is a true and correct copy of the said notice that I posted on the official bulletin board at Justin Municipal Complex, 415 North College Street, Justin, Texas, a place of convenience and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said notice posted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 by 5:00 p.m., at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled meeting time.

Brittany Andrews  
City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

November 30, 2021

Justin City Hall, 415 North College Street

Cover Sheet

Agenda Item: #1

Title: Discussion regarding an update on new developments and park amenities.

Department: Administration

Contact: City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

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Recommendation: Discussion only

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Background: Staff have provided updates as of 11/24/2021 within this coversheet.

- **Justin Crossing** - In the Development agreement a fee in lieu of parkland dedication was established because they were not meeting the Cities requirements. The developer has since met the minimum requirement to fund the pocket park located within these development improvements are in total over \$300,000. Because they met the requirement, and exceeded the City's portion, they no longer are required to issue a payment to the city for the fee in lieu of parkland dedication per the development agreement. However, they have asked the Park board to provide their wish list (pavilion, playground equipment, etc.) and they would consider contributing a small amount towards something of the boards choice. This development will have a trail system extending to Reatta Ridge Park. In the future, the trail system will then extend north toward Bishop Park through the future municipal complex property located adjacent to Bishop Park.
- **The Preserve** - is a newly approved development located at Boss Range Road and FM 407. Proposed Development will include 4 neighborhood parks, open space, and a trail system that will facilitate and connect to Community Park in the South and lead to connections to the Timberbrook master plan trail system on the north. An amenity center is included with park equipment, pool, and pond. The developer has agreed to maintain parks and open space exceeding city requirements and to construct trails.
- **Reatta Ridge Phases 3 and 5** – A Preliminary Plat was approved by City Council in May 2021. These phases will include a Community Pool, 9 acres of public

parkland, and reserved open space easement for Trail creek, walking trail and pedestrian bridge across trail creek for connection to existing and future trails.

- **Timberbrook** – City Council on 11/9/21 passed an agreement by resolution accepting the transfer of approximately 40 acres of parkland, including the trail system already in place, and the dog park north of the first phase of the Subdivision. Timberbrook is one of the Cities largest developments and wraps from FM 156 over to FM 407. The subdivision currently has constructed amenities, such as playgrounds, trails, and an amenity center. Future phases will add to these, as well as encourage more open space.

City Attorney Review: N/A

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Attachments:

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Agenda Item: #2

Title: Discuss potential funding for future projects and improvements.

Department: Administration

Contact: City Manager, Chuck Ewings, City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

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Recommendation:

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Background:

City Manager, Chuck Ewings will be in attendance to discuss this item.

City Attorney Review: N/A

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Attachments:

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Agenda Item: #3

Title: Discuss Ballfield lighting at Community Park

Department: Administration

Contact: City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

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Recommendation:

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Background: Councilman Mounce during a Council meeting suggested the ballfield lighting be discussed as a future agenda item.

During the 10/27 staff meeting it was presented that in order to change the ballfield lights over to LED would not only be a significant cost, but would require some additional engineering, replacing the actual poles, etc. and would far exceed the allocated funds. Council approved around \$30,000 for the ballfield lights in the FY 21/22 budget. To keep within the approved budget and what seems to be the more cohesive decision, the lights are to be replaced with ones that are currently in place.

City Attorney Review: N/A

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Attachments:

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Agenda Item: #4

Title: Discussion regarding the Disc Golf location and parking.

Department: Administration

Contact: City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

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Recommendation:

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Background: Mayor Woodall received letters from homeowners regarding the parking and location of 2 holes for the Disc Golf course. She is asking for the Parks Board to discuss a potential solution for recommendation to City Council.

After discussion, Councilman Clark and Mounce asked that they have time to meet with Cato. Councilman Clark was able to speak with him and will provide an update at the meeting.

City Attorney Review: N/A

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Attachments: Citizen complaint letters

October 5, 2021

Tim Simmons  
322 Hardeman Blvd  
Justin, TX 76247

Re: Community Park

Mayor Elizabeth Woodall,

We, Tim and Ana Simmons of 322 Hardeman Blvd, hereafter referred to as "Homeowners," petition this council to act on behalf of our family and community as it relates to (1) the dirt area being used for parking at the west end of Hardeman Blvd where it meets the city park and (2) the location of holes 2 and 3 as they related to the homes in the community. As Homeowners in the adjacent home in conjunction with other nearby homeowners, we voice the following concerns with the aforementioned items:

- I. The appearance of the uneven and unprofessional parking area made of dirt affects the perceived value of the nearby homes in Hardeman Estates. All parking areas in the nearby park are done professionally and add value to the area. Having a dirt field for parking or a muddy area when it rains is not in the best interest of the nearby community.
- II. Although we respect the disc golfers and those associated with the sport and understand their attempts to be respectful of nearby homeowners, this dirt lot has attracted many more unnecessary and undesirable loiterers and drivers at different hours of the day. On multiple occasions drivers have pulled into the dirt making loud noises and idled their vehicles in the middle of the night. Police have been notified on multiple occasions and have requested that we continue to notify them if it happens, which is not a permanent solution.
- III. The added outsider vehicle traffic on our neighborhood street (Hardeman Blvd) has raised safety concerns for us parents who take our children on walks or bike rides throughout the community.
- IV. The location of holes 2 and 3 have created safety issues for 322 and 320 Hardeman. Discs from hole 2 are often accidentally thrown into both of these properties due to factors including human error and wind. Discs from hole 3 are often thrown into the property at 322 Hardeman. This is very concerning for multiple reasons as follows:
  - A. In 2012, a woman was hit by a disc nearly 300 feet away from a disc golf tee box. She lost 95% of her vision in that eye. This not only resulted in a permanent change in her life and health, but she also won a \$3M lawsuit against the city of Manhattan Beach, California.

- B. Many online sources as well as interviews with local Disc Golfers, including the designer of the Justin Community Disc Golf Course, have confirmed that a thrown Disc has the ability to kill an adult if hit in the temple or neck. Most of these sources have mentioned that a young child hit in the head by a disc would most likely result in permanent or fatal injuries.
  - C. As homeowners in a friendly Justin community, we should not be subject to quarantining our back yard as unusable during times when disc golfers are using the course. This may sound extreme, however this is what we have to do to ensure the safety of our family and guests as it is becoming less and less rare for discs to be thrown in the yards and/or back porches multiple times per week. This became even more real when our children were playing on our back porch the morning of June 13, 2021. Unfortunately we did not see that there were a couple of gentlemen playing the course at the time. At the time, our 4 year old was excited about a plane flying over and asked us to come see it. When we stepped out, a disc had just been thrown and if our children wouldn't have been moved out of the way by us, our son would have been hit in the head. The golfers were skilled players who regularly played this course. They were extremely kind and apologetic, but this doesn't change the fact that if it wasn't for our son calling us out to see a plane, this letter would have been drastically different.
  - D. In addition, when we deem our own property unusable during times when golfers are present (multiple times per week), these discs do end up in the yards of 320 and 322 Hardeman. As local citizens and members of the Justin community, we have tried our best to be courteous, polite, professional and kind with all of our neighbors including the city workers and visitors of our community park. The golfers that come to our front door and request their discs are often very polite and apologetic. On the other hand, we have had multiple golfers simply open our gates and help themselves into our yard to retrieve their discs without even asking permission. These instances have been reported to authorities and we have been told to add locks and "no trespassing" signs to our gates. With our dogs and family present, this is not something that we should not have to be worrying about. But due to the nature and layout of the disc golf course, if unfortunately is.
- V. Golfers reviews of the course found at <https://www.dgcoursereview.com/course.php?id=8369> with these concerns as follows:
- A. "Hole 3's tee is very close to people's backyards, which brings the barking and aggressive-looking dogs into play." And "Holes 2 and 3 are so close together and on several of my second shots on No. 2, I would have been in danger of being hit

by a drive from No. 3 had anyone else been playing. And I had not missed the mando.” - aclay last updated 6/27/20

- B. “Holes 3-4 play so close to people's backyard. I am talking like the tee pad was literally five feet from their fence line. I would not be particularly happy if I were the homeowner. Like Dreadlock mentioned, the dogs in the backyard are mean and constantly bark.” - c\_a\_miller 11/15/2017
  - C. “Course Cons: backyards next to hole 3, in play on holes 2 or 3” - dreadlock86 4/22/2017
  - D. “Yell HEADS UP!!!! when your throw goes right on Hole 3.” - Jimbotten 3/19/2017
  - E. “One hole is really too close to peoples back yards” - Pizza God 7/15/2016
- VI. The Justin Community Disc Golf Course has chosen to use 322 Hardeman as their address. When this address is put into Google Maps, the disc golf course is listed as “also at this location”. This has resulted in our receiving mail for the disc golf course and food deliveries that are ordered when people are playing the course. It is also listed as the address when you google Justin Community Cisc Golf Course. Permission was not granted for this to occur.

It is not our opinion or desire to bring to your attention the negative aspects of this disc golf course and parking area without offering some viable solutions. We petition this council to:

- A. Remove the dirt parking area at the City Park that attaches to the West End of Hardeman Blvd. This was created for the disc golf community however the walking distance to hole one is not much closer than if the players utilize our pre-existing concrete parking lots near the baseball fields, hereafter referred to as “parking lot.” It should also be noted that the very nature of disc golfing requires walking abilities therefore utilizing the parking lot would not add undue hardship to the players and/or competitors.
- B. Relocate the Disc Golf Sign to the grass area closer to the parking lot with a professional map showing directions to Hole 1, and a clear list of Course Rules including but not limited to, no Smoking/Drinking (Public Park), No trespassing onto property of nearby residents, Park hours, No Foul Language use, No driving on Grass, etc.
- C. Erect removable pillars (similar to those near the baseball fields) at the West end of Hardeman Blvd to discourage traffic into the park or grass area from Hardeman. These pillars should have the ability to be removed for city officials and those permitted to cross onto the grass.

- D. Grass to be replanted where the current dirt lot is located after foreign dirt and rocks are removed.
- E. Holes 2 and 3 relocated to another area away from homes. Concrete Pads removed and Grass replanted.

We understand that there are costs involved in approving this petition, however we, the Homeowners, feel like the costs that we are paying is much higher than those being requested. Please consider our community and know that we are grateful for your consideration of this petition and for the hard work you put in regularly to govern the city we all call home.

Sincerely,

Tim Simmons  
322 Hardeman Blvd  
Justin, TX 76247

10/05/21

Ana Simmons  
322 Hardeman Blvd  
Justin, TX 76247

Re: Justin Community Park

Mayor Elizabeth Woodall,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to first take a moment and thank you for helping make Justin a great place to live. We have called Justin home for almost 6 years. We have four kiddos and have been married 16 years. We enjoy serving our local community as well as a dear community in Uganda. We are both in career fields that serve and share a core value being solution-bases. We are not perfect people but, we have faith that there is a God who perfectly loves us.

I felt it necessary to share a bit about us to familiarize y'all with us.

As you know, our community park includes a disc golf course. It was introduced a few years after we bought our home. For quite some time, our family has done all we can to be supportive of the disc golf course and it's participants. We kindly give discs back weekly that end up in our yard. We have done our part in offering kindness and respect to those individuals. However, that same respect has not been reciprocated by some of the participants. We have given grace after grace, benefit of the doubt, and made excuses as to why people would not value others' families, property or space. Perhaps some golfers view us as "in their way" or "on their course", rather than seeing it as a shared community space in a neighborhood with all ages of people.

The reason for this letter and, our being willing to finally be vulnerable in sharing our story, comes from a deep and growing concern for the safety of our children and our overall neighborhood.

Yesterday, our son celebrated his 5th birthday. We got him a bike and he of course wanted to ride. At the time he started there were no disc golfers on the course. On the way back, one had arrived. Our son was headed home and we were on foot. My dad, husband and daughters were all there to celebrate.

The disc golfer was walking up to a tee box as our son was riding home. We yelled for our son to stop. We started running to intervene. The disc golfer saw us and continued to throw the disc missing our son. Thank God! However, the man then took another disc out and threw for a second time. Now our son was narrowly missed.

That is why I couldn't stay silent. My husband has written a letter as well regarding an even more dangerous event and the golfers.

At this time, we do not have the joy of using our backyard, front yard or going to the park. We have to make sure golfers are not out.

This includes, our own yard being off-limits for events or gatherings. If the kids are out playing, I have to bring them in as well as our dogs if a golfer arrives.

Another great concern is the dirt parking lot that was poured outside of our home. This is where the disc golfers park. We have had to call the police on a number of occasions because of people loitering past 10:00 pm.

We had no safety concerns prior to the disc golf course being here. There was a partition that prevented people from driving or parking in or on the park.

In addition when it rains the parking lot turns to mud and floods the park with mud and the curb in front of our home is covered in mud and dirt that is very difficult to remove.

We want not only for us but for our neighborhood to be a safe, beautiful and peaceful place to share.

I am proposing that we reconsider the location of the parking lot for the course and moving the Tee Boxes away from the homes.

Thank you for your time and service to this great community.

And a hearty thank you for all the work put into the Justin Fall Fest! It was wonderful to see everyone and our family thoroughly enjoyed it.

Many Blessings.

Sincerely,

Ana Simmons (for the Simmons Family)

**From:** [Elizabeth Woodall](#)  
**To:** [Brittany Andrews](#); [Alyssa Linenkugel](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Disc Golf Park Issues behind Hardeman Estates  
**Date:** Monday, November 1, 2021 5:47:17 PM

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Liz Woodall  
Mayor, City of Justin  
LWoodall@cityofjustin.com

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Melissa Dennis <melissamaedennis@gmail.com>  
**Date:** November 1, 2021 at 5:34:34 PM CDT  
**To:** Chuck Ewings <cewings@cityofjustin.com>, Elizabeth Woodall <lwoodall@cityofjustin.com>, James Clark <jclark@cityofjustin.com>, Tomas Mendoza <tmendoza@cityofjustin.com>  
**Subject:** **Disc Golf Park Issues behind Hardeman Estates**

Good Evening, Friends! I hope all is going well for y'all.

I am writing this evening because it has come to my attention that there will be a discussion about the Disc Golf Park situation behind Hardeman Estates, and I felt compelled to share our story with you.

We moved in 16 months ago into Hardeman, and our house backs up to the Greenbelt. When we moved in, there was no official Disc Golf Park, there was no gravel parking lot, and there were only a few pars out on the greenbelt. However, since then, additional pars have been added, including one right behind our back yard, and the gravel parking lot, which have raised a lot of issues since then.

The gravel parking lot has brought right next to our homes a lot of traffic and disrespect to the fact that this is also a residential area, via noise pollution, noise pollution before the sun rises and after it sets (in normally established quiet hours in cities in Texas), loud vulgar language pollution, trash being thrown everywhere-despite the trash bins being conveniently placed, and invasions into our backyards, often times without permission, creating a threatening situation and not to mention, a crime. It is trespassing.

There have been times where I have been sitting outside working in my backyard, and disc golfers come up, thinking there's no one around, and have been "shooting the breeze", speaking loudly and cursing. The cursing increases in vulgarity, and is extremely unacceptable in a neighborhood community, especially where children are often found playing in their own backyard. No parent should ever have to worry about their child being exposed to vulgar language in their own backyard. This is not ok.

We have had people in our own backyard, trying to retrieve their disc golf- with no regard to permission . This is never acceptable, for any reason.

Then there's the danger of being hit by a disc golf--whether it's on its intended course, ends up in a backyard or is blown and unintentionally heads towards someone else enjoying the park. There have been near misses that I've seen and experienced. Knowing the legality and seriousness of this issue alone, this should raise serious concerns for the City of Justin to highly reconsider having this Disc Golf right next to the houses and where kids are playing out on the playground. There have been life-threatening injuries as a result of disc golf. In addition, there have been lawsuits against cities, where the injured parties have won millions of dollars.

Here's one example:

<https://clubandresortbusiness.com/woman-awarded-3m-in-disc-golf-injury-suit/>

Many cities have decided to remove the disc golf courses from neighborhood areas and place them in more secluded and appointed areas, away from residential areas.

This is no small issue at hand, and does need to be addressed immediately to avoid any life-threatening injuries.

I know you are determining what you will do about it. I would like to ask that this be removed entirely away from the neighborhood and the playground, where children are playing, as well as removing the gravel pit parking lot, and grass being replanted there. That gravel pit is a complete eyesore to the neighborhood, and is absolutely unnecessary, as there is a gigantic parking lot on the opposite side of the greenbelt, set from the houses.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the matter. I would be happy to answer any further questions you might have in this regard.

We pray for God's Wisdom and Discernment to guide the City into making the appropriate decisions necessary to protect their residents, while providing a safer place for disc golfers to play and have fun!

Have a great evening!

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**Melissa Mae Dennis**  
**817.917.4893**

**From:** [Elizabeth Woodall](#)  
**To:** [Brittany Andrews](#); [Alyssa Linenkugel](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Urgent Concern  
**Date:** Monday, November 1, 2021 9:49:27 PM

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Liz Woodall  
Mayor, City of Justin  
LWoodall@cityofjustin.com

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ibgphotography@aol.com  
**Date:** November 1, 2021 at 8:18:01 PM CDT  
**To:** Elizabeth Woodall <lwoodall@cityofjustin.com>, Chrissa Hartle <chartle@cityofjustin.com>, Tomas Mendoza <tmendoza@cityofjustin.com>, John Mounce <jmounce@cityofjustin.com>, jtate@cityofjustic.com, James Clark <jclark@cityofjustin.com>  
**Subject:** Urgent Concern  
**Reply-To:** ibgphotography@aol.com

Good Evening Mayor Woodall and City of Justin Council Members,

My name is Olivia Brigham and I am resident of Justin, Texas. Firstly, thank you for serving the city of Justin and for caring about its citizens and wellbeing. We are praying for continued wisdom as you lead this loyal community.

I am writing this evening to voice an URGENT concern over the "parking lot" accessing the Frisbee Golf fields near a residential home on 322 Hardeman Blvd.

I have followed this situation for years and believe undoubtedly this is bringing immense safety concerns to our city and the neighborhoods of our fellow citizens and families in which our governmental authorities need to be aware of and address immediately.

The location given to outsiders, and anyone who desires to use that area for any purposes other than recreation, is a personal home and property of a Justin resident, NOT a business or public geographical location. This is unacceptable. Any person on the planet can acquire sensitive information and plan suspicious activity (in which has already happened on numerous occasion and has been reported happening) within the premises of families and private homes. There has been illegal activity and even a kidnapping in that area in which I strongly believe has weight and responsibility with the unnecessary location of this parking lot. This is a major threat to our city.

Further more, the beginning of the course is not even located in the actual area being advertised, yet starts "players" in the middle, far away from "hole" ONE. There is, however, a location already established that has parking spaces and can also be monitored at the BEGINNING of the course. This should be how the City communicates to the public of where to park, begin playing and be in a lit safe place that can be patrolled. There is no logic as a citizen to where this is being shown on the internet for other people to find and use. This does not protect the resident of the home nor the others in our community, but

welcomes a place for those seeking to do crime. It is at the end of a community, not lit and has attracted illegal and unlawful activity.

There are many reported instances of unknown vehicles parking there at night even when the "park" is supposed to be closed allowing drugs, soliciting, and sex trafficking. A woman was kidnapped as a result of this. This is extremely alarming and cannot continue.

Our communities are suffering because of this false and destructive "entryway" and will continue until it is stopped and moved to a safer place AWAY from residential areas where authorities can monitor unwanted crime that is terrifyingly already happening.

I am asking today that you resolve this issue immediately and protect the community that you represent. Our lives and families begin at our homes, not schools or business buildings. Please defend our homes, children and lives and make the proper changes to move this destructive entrance away from this neighborhood.

Thank you,

Olivia Brigham  
1956 Riverchase Lane  
Justin Texas 76247

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His Love endures FOREVER! ~ Psalm 106:1

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

November 30, 2021

Justin City Hall, 415 North College Street

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Agenda Item: #5

Title: Discuss Parks and Recreation Advisory Board objectives, and statement that defines the Board.

Department: Administration

Contact: City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

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Recommendation: Discuss and consider Statement to have placed on the City Website.

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Background: Mayor Woodall would like the board to come up with a vision statement, or objective that defines how you see the Parks Board.

At the November 2 meeting, Board Chair, Alyssa Linenkugel presented a few additional statements to consider. After brief discussion Member, Juli Cuthbertson suggested she type up a statement and bring to the next meeting for discussion and possible action.

City Attorney Review: N/A

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Agenda Item: #6

Title: Discussion regarding options for fundraising.

Department: Administration

Contact: City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

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Recommendation:

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Background: In September members agreed that some fundraising would be of benefit to address park related improvements, and other projects. Mayor Woodall would like the Parks board to come up with a veterans' memorial/ plaque to be placed in one of our parks to honor any deceased soldiers from Justin. Mayor mentioned that the local Rotary club might be interested in helping fund such a project. While this may take some planning and research, it could be a goal for the fundraiser. Another project that has been brought up by a few residents is to create a butterfly garden in the blank areas of Reatta Park. Keeping in mind that irrigation could be an issue, this too might be a fundraising project to consider.

Member, Tresha Stearns, with previous experience was able to look into the brick pavers and will be bringing samples to the meeting. Should the board decide to move forward, staff will work on addressing where the collected funds would go, and ensuring the board/boards have a table at the upcoming events, and future events in the City. If signage is desired for the tables, staff can look into options and pricing, and whether it is something that would need to go to Council.

First and foremost, as the board discussed in September, a goal needs to be decided upon before approaching the community and fundraising to ensure when engaging the community, they are fully aware of what it is they are contributing to.

City Attorney Review: N/A

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Agenda Item: #7

Title: Consent minutes

Department: Administration

Contact: City Secretary, Brittany Andrews

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Recommendation: Approve board minutes as presented

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Background:

City Attorney Review: N/A

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Attachments: