



City of Keller
Parks & Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, June 24, 2021

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Erin Pfarner

Chairperson Erin Pfarner called the Work Session to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Erin Pfarner, Chairperson

Felix Mira, Vice-Chairperson

Nicholas Anderson

Jay Blakey

Adam Dougherty

Jenilee Harwell

Thomas Hixson

Judy Sether

Bryan Weaver by phone

Staff Members Present: Director of Community Services Cody Maberry and
Administrative Secretary Debbie Park.

B. DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS

1. Keller Sports Park Discussion with Alliance Rugby Club, Keller Lacrosse Association and Keller Horse Owners Association

Mayor Armin Mizani and the City Council have formed a Sports Park Task Force to review the Sports Park Master Plan and recommend updates. Park Board members added to the task force are Chairperson Erin Pfarner, Vice-Chairperson Felix Mira and Board Member Jenilee Harwell. The Alliance Rugby Club and the Keller Lacrosse Association were invited to present a list of needs these organizations would like to see updated or added to the sports park. Alliance Club President Will Lyon and Club Secretary Robert Poyser spoke to staff and board about the needs of their organization. Challenges that the rugby club currently face are the inability to reserve fields for practice or fields being closed, the inability to reserve fields for games, lining of the fields after football games and not having a field house for the players. The priority list for Alliance Rugby Club would be a rugby specific game day full size pitch (60m x 120m) and a second field for training, these additions would help host tournaments and club events that would bring revenue to the city and club. A field house with restrooms and a changing room is also a priority, currently there are no restroom facilities near the multi-use fields. Storage space for Alliance Rugby

is also needed, the Keller Youth Association is currently allowing Alliance Rugby to share some storage space in KYA storage units. The addition of bleachers for spectators during games, additional parking lot space and lights for evening games and for hosting evening events were also mentioned as priority items. Alliance Rugby Club is asked every year to host the state championships as well as a tournament in the summer. Due to these issues with the fields and the inability to reserve fields they have never been able to win the bid to host these events that would generate revenue for the city by bringing in 40 plus teams from across the country.

Keller Lacrosse Association President Chris Price presented to staff and board a list of future priorities for lacrosse at the sports park. First on the list is 2 to 3 lighted and marked multi-use turf fields to be used for practices during January through April when it gets dark earlier and the weather is challenging. Availability on the current multi-use field is also an issue with having to share field space with rugby and KYA football. These turf fields would also allow for tournament hosting which is great for fundraising for the organization and for local restaurants and businesses. Electricity to the existing new lacrosse field is needed for adding a scoreboard and perimeter lighting for evening use. The club is also asking for full bathroom and storage facilities at the existing lacrosse field, permanent high fence netting on existing field and long term multi-use grass fields to support hosting tournaments, at least 5 to 6 fields (lighting optional).

Keller Horse Owners Association President Cristina Brogdon was unable to attend this work session meeting and will be invited to speak at the July 8 Park Board meeting to discuss the needs of the Keller Horse Owners Association.

Board Member Nicholas Anderson has reached out to the Bear Creek Running Company, KISD Cross Country Team, Fort Worth Mountain Bike Association and the Keller Horse Owners Association regarding their interest in the 43 acres at the Northeast Park. These groups will be invited to speak regarding the Northeast Park at the Park Board meeting on August 12.

C. ADJOURN

Motion by Blakey, seconded by Mira to adjourn the Work Session.

Motion passed, all present voting aye.

Chairperson Erin Pfarner adjourned the Work Session at 7:44 p.m.

Chairperson

Staff Liaison