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MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
City Hall, 385 S Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087
Tuesday, August 4, 2020
6:00 PM

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00pm by Chairman K. Johnson with the following Board Members present: Jason Alvarado, Charles Johnson, Anna Dodd, and Brandon Morris. Also present were Director of Parks and Recreation, Travis Sales and Recreation Coordinator, Cory Dentler and Recreation Assistant, Cassandra Tabira.

Open Forum

Chairman K. Johnson explained how Open Forum is conducted and asked if anyone in the audience would like to come forth and speak during this time. There being no one wishing to speak, Chairman K. Johnson then closed the Open Forum.

Discuss and consider minutes from the July 7, 2020 Park Board meeting and take any action necessary.

The minutes from the July 7, 2020 Park Board meeting were provided to the Board for their review. Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes. Alvarado seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At this time, Director of Parks & Recreation, Travis Sales thanked Charles Johnson for his many years of service with a plaque dedication.

Discuss and consider a request from the Dabney Family to change the name of Southside Pool to Ruby Dabney Swimming Pool and take any action necessary.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Travis Sales briefed the Park Board on the procedure and policy for Parks & Recreation Facilities Naming Policy. He stated that staff has verified through document research that the Southside Park was renamed Gloria Williams Park September 18, 2006. Document research did not show that the pool named was changed even though it is referred to as Gloria Williams Pool. The Park Board shall act as the committee that will be responsible for recommending a name for park facilities. The Park Board shall be responsible for research, study and recommendation of a proposed name to the City Council. Staff requests that the Park Board research information provided by the Dabney Family in order to determine if a recommendation will be made to City Council to change the swimming pool at Gloria Williams Pool to Ruby Dabney Swimming Pool in Gloria Williams Park at the September 1, 2020 Park Board meeting.

Paul Dabney
8814 Briarwood
Rowlett, TX 75088

46 **Mr. Dabney stated that he was the oldest child of Ms. Dabney. Ms. Dabney passed**
47 **away in March 2020 and shared how people have come to him and told stories about**
48 **his mother and how she cared for and fed some of the children that visited the pool**
49 **growing up.**

50 **Kenna Arredondo**
51 **154 Stevenson Dr**
52 **Fate, TX 75087**

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54 **Ms. Arredondo shared that she is the second oldest granddaughter of Ms. Dabney.**
55 **She generally expressed that Ms. Dabney would pay the way of children that could**
56 **not afford to enter the pool. Ms. Dabney treated every child that grew up in that**
57 **neighborhood and the pool as their own. Ms. Dabney had an impact on every child**
58 **growing up that attended the pool over the summers.**

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60 **Demond Dabney**

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62 **Mr. Dabney shared the discussions about his mother at her funeral and the memories**
63 **shared. He expressed that he put a petition together on change.org to name the pool**
64 **Ruby Dabney Pool and received an overwhelming response totaling around 1500**
65 **signatures and comments.**

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67 **Randall Bryant**

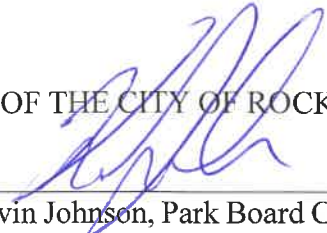
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69 **Mr. Bryant generally expressed his support for civilian service and to the changing**
70 **of the name of the pool to Ruby Dabney Pool. He stated Ms. Dabney spent over 20**
71 **years of her life and served her community and the City.**

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73 **Following various brief comments from Park Board Members, Chairman K. Johnson stated**
74 **that Park Board will do their research and bring back to the September 1, 2020 Park Board**
75 **Meeting.**


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77 **Adjournment**

78 **There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was**
79 **adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

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82 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,**
83 **TEXAS, this 1st day of September 2020.**



Kevin Johnson, Park Board Chairman

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87 **ATTEST:**
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90 **Wendy Young, Administrative Secretary**