



## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

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A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Henderson Park, Brenham, Texas

Members present:

Paula Buls, Bill Betts, Pam Hohlt, Robert Haberman, Ginger Bosse, Delbert Boeker, and Darron Smith

Member absent:

Luis Mendoza and Jim Baker

City staff present:

Wende Ragonis, Dane Rau, Kevin Boggus, Crystal Locke, Casey Redman, Stephan Gerhard, Paula Shields and Police Corporal Todd Ashorn

Others present:

Council Member Keith Herring, Council Member Weldon Williams, Bob Schmidt – O'Malley Strand Engineering, Tommy Upchurch – Upchurch Architecture, Arthur Hahn – Brenham Banner Press

Pat Molzone; Ethel L. Randle; Rivi Franklin; Wilma Finley; Shirley Harris Jackson; Gloria Willis; Tina Henderson; Jennifer Dawson; Donald Dawson; Mr. & Mrs. John Walker; Hattie M. Graves; Michele Daniels; Darrell Heiskell; Milton Williams; Deborah Pittman

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**2. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Master Plan for Henderson Park**

Community Services Director Wende Ragonis provided opening remarks. Ragonis expressed appreciation to everyone attending this meeting. Ragonis stated that there is a lot of history associated with Henderson Park and hopefully we can capture that history.

Public Works Director Dane Rau explained that Henderson Park is the next Brenham Park that staff is considering for improvements. There were approximately 15 citizens attending the public meeting at Henderson Park. These citizens are individuals who utilize this park. Staff took feedback from the group as to their wishes for improvement to Henderson Park. The feedback is as follows:

Programs/Activities	Features/Amenities
Playground equipment with swings	Larger BBQ Pits
Playground similar to Owsley/with canopy and ground cover	Fencing – similar to Fireman’s Park
Dance Hall	Pedestrian Bridge – linking Henderson with Fireman’s Park
Historical: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four championship baseball teams from Pickard High School</li> <li>• Black Irons</li> <li>• Brenham Merchants</li> </ul>	Benches with tables – similar to the other parks
Historical Information Markers throughout Park (Internet)	Improved Lighting
BB King performed at dance hall 1956	Enlarge meeting/pavilion space
	Pecan Trees (Historical)
	Covered Basketball Courts
	Splash Pad
	More parking on east side of park
	ADA Compliant
	More handicap parking
	Picture of Mr. Henderson
	Landscaping around the sign

Concerns:

- New residential construction will block sidewalk/paths from residential area to park. A path will be needed to connect the two areas.
- Children have to cross parking lot to get to the playground if there is an event at the kitchen. They would like to see a playground in the same area as the kitchen.
- Business 36 separates Henderson/Fireman’s Park. They would like to see the two parks connected in some way.

Board Chair Bill Betts thanked everyone for attending and providing input into the future of Henderson Park.

### 3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

*Bill Betts*

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Bill Betts  
Chair

**ATTEST:**

*Paula Shields*

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Paula Shields  
Staff Liaison