

THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN COUNCIL AND PARKS BOARD WORK SESSION HELD ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2019, IN THE FLOWER MOUND TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 2121 CROSS TIMBERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, COUNTY OF DENTON, TEXAS AT 6:00 P.M.

[Click here](#) for meeting video link (subject to change)

The Town Council met in a work session with the following members present:

Steve Dixon	Mayor
Sandeep Sharma	Mayor Pro Tem
Claudio Forest	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Jim Pierson	Councilmember Place 1
Ben Bumgarner	Councilmember Place 3
Jim Engel	Councilmember Place 4

Parks Board members present:

Teresa Thomason	Chair, Place 3
Rick Kenyon	Vice Chair, Place 4
Dale Olson	Place 1
Allen Pichon	Place 2
Jodi Seay	Place 5
Mark Mayer	Place 6
Jennifer Romaszewski	Place 7
Andrew Cummings	Place 8, Alternate
Scott Langley	Place 9, Alternate
Holly Royer	Place 10, Alternate

constituting a quorum with the following members of the Town Staff participating:

Theresa Scott	Town Secretary
Jimmy Stathatos	Town Manager
Debra Wallace	Deputy Town Manager/CFO
Tommy Dalton	Assistant Town Manager
Chuck Jennings	Director of Parks and Recreation
Mark Long	Recreation Superintendent
Clayton Litton	Parks Superintendent
Kari Biddix	Park Development Manager
John Habern	Parks, Trails & Landscape Specialist
Lexin Murphy	Director of Planning Services
JP Walton	Assistant to the Town Manager

**A. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER**

Mayor Dixon called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B./C. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG**

Mayor Dixon gave the invocation and led the pledges.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Names listed below don't necessarily reflect the order in which each person spoke and all addresses are located in Flower Mound unless otherwise indicated.*

	<b>Speaker names and address</b>	<b>Subject (as written on the form)</b>
1.	Katie Mayer, 3612 Burlington	Tennis Center
2.	Paul Stone, 4100 Broadway	Workshop

**E. WORK SESSION ITEM**

1. Discuss, consider, and provide direction to the Parks Board regarding:
  - a) Park Land Acquisition
  - b) Cross Timbers parks/open space
  - c) Community Activity Center (CAC) Expansion
  - d) Western Recreation Center
  - e) Tennis Center
 and other matters incident and related thereto.

Chair Thomason and Mr. Walton gave a presentation identifying or noting:

- Introduction of Park Board members
- Executive summary
  - Identify top five areas for Parks and Recreation needs
  - Identify and understand why the needs exists
  - Discuss solution to resolve current and future Parks and Recreation needs
  - Feedback
- Strategic goals
- Background information on the importance of parks
- Population graphs
- Park land acquisition
- Neighborhood park zones; Community park zones
- Cross Timbers park development
- Community Activity Center (CAC) Renovation & Expansion; usage statistics, estimated population by buffer distance from CAC
- Tennis Center; equity mapping

The entire presentation is included below given the level of detail and statistical information provided:

There was discussion or questions from or between Council/Parks Board members and staff regarding:

**1. Park Land Acquisition:**

- a) Cost associated with land acquisition
- b) What is the process regarding reviewing sites for land acquisition and have any parcels been identified
- c) How park land dedication is part of a development project
- d) The future of gas well pad sites
- e) The possibility of land owners donating land to the Town for park uses
- f) Park land acquisition over taking cash

**Council Feedback/Direction**

Council has already tasked staff to pursue opportunities (it's already underway)

**2. Cross Timbers Park Development:**

- a) Past history as it relates to land within the Cross Timbers Conservation District
- b) Smaller parks need to be looked at in addition to one large parcel for a recreation facility

**Council Feedback/Direction**

This item coincides with park land acquisition (staff is already working on).

**3. Community Activity Center Expansion**

- a) Clarification regarding levels of service as it relates to the Community Activity Center
- b) Clarification regarding the CAC survey responses and how to know the feedback is coming from Flower Mound citizens
- c) What size community activity facility is in the works for Lewisville
- d) What would the impact to the existing CAC be if a western recreation center came on line
- e) What is the cost of the proposed CAC expansion project

**Council Feedback/Direction**

Everyone agrees the expansion is needed and the time line could be defined based on a bond election. There was interest to see that happen prior to the proposed 3 – 5 years.

**4. Western Recreation Center (WRC)**

- a) The amount of land that would be needed for the facility (staff is looking for 100 acres and 15 acres of that would be needed for the recreation facility)
- b) How is the appropriate size of a recreation facility determined

**Council Feedback/Direction**

Interest in acquiring the property for a WRC but constructing the facility now is not a priority

**5. Tennis Center:**

- Update regarding the 13 acres of land along FM 1171 (Town Lake East) and if the use has been decided for a tennis center and clarification regarding timing
- Ongoing operational cost of a tennis center
- The possibility of allowing private companies to build a tennis center and run it where they would be leasing the land from the Town
- Correspondence received about the ability to get a tennis center designed at no cost

**Council Feedback/Direction**

A possible location has been identified; however, it still needs to go through the due diligence process.

Chair Thomason pointed out that tonight was about deciding Council's interest on the various projects and whether they agree it's time to move out of the visionary side of things, and if so, determine what the time line would be to look at those type of things and what is necessary before decisions are made.

There was additional Council discussion regarding:

- Importance of reviewing the last Parks Master Plan (2017)
- The possibility of having a bond election to let the citizens decide.

**E. ADJOURN WORK SESSION**

Mayor Dixon adjourned the work session at 7:51 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019, and all were in favor.

**TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS**

*Steve Dixon*

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**STEVE DIXON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

*Theresa Scott*

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**THERESA SCOTT, TOWN SECRETARY**