

# CITY OF FAIRVIEW

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2019

John Blade, Mayor  
Debby Rainey, Vice Mayor  
Derek K. Burks, Commissioner  
Rod Dawson, Commissioner  
Scott Lucas, Commissioner  
Scott Collins, City Manager  
Tim Potter, City Attorney  
Brandy Johnson, City Recorder

Present: Blade, Burks, Dawson, Lucas, Rainey

Others Present: Collins, Johnson, Potter, Hughes, Humphreys, Paisley

### 1. Roll Call – by Johnson

	Present	Absent
Commissioner Burks	x	___
Commissioner Dawson	x	___
Commissioner Lucas	x	___
Vice Mayor Rainey	x	___
Mayor Blade	x	___

### 2. Call to Order by Mayor Blade at 7:01 p.m.

### 3. Prayer and Pledge led by Mayor Blade

### 4. Approval of the Agenda and Executive Session Announcements – Mayor Blade requested the removal of item 12A and Commissioner Burks requested the addition of discussion of the playground and Blade noted that would be done under item 7.

Motion: Rainey

Second: Burks

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Commissioner Burks	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Dawson	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Lucas	x	___	___	___
Vice Mayor Rainey	x	___	___	___
Mayor Blade	x	___	___	___

### 5. Public Hearing - none

### 6. Citizen Comments –

- A. Eileen Brogan, 7106 Brush Creek Road South, President of Friends of Bowie Park notes the FOBP would like to partner with the city to rebuild the playground and want to schedule a meeting with all parties to get on the same page. They have a membership meeting this Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Nature Center if anyone is interested in joining the group. If they can obtain official documentation (such as a resolution) of they city's participation in the project they can begin

fundraising. They would like to co-host a meeting regarding the design of the project and ask for public support so we know what the people want.

- B. Krista Savalik, 12101 Park Village Court, notes that to the mothers and children in town and surrounding areas the park is so much more than the playground. It's a place to go when you don't have your own backyard and you don't have to ask permission to be there. She asks that the city make information more available to the community and to make them aware before hand so they are not in such shock. For there to be no real plan to replace prior to the playground coming down is a huge concern.

## **7. Announcements, Awards, Recognitions**

- A. Collins thanked the Friends of Bowie Park for partnering with the city and for their efforts noting they are crucial to the future of the park. The process or timeline for removal of the playground included a series of discussions about the future of the park, including meetings with the Friends and staff. We discussed the general condition of the playground, which had a 20-year life span, to determine whether repairs could be accomplished but we realized that was not a possibility. The reason for not giving advance notice to the public of the removal was not to promote increase use in the interim and add additional load. If we announced a closing of the playground we had the issue of securing it so no one could access and then there was the question of how to do so. We considered caution tape but decided that could be more of an enticement than a hindrance; temporary fencing was something we didn't have immediate access to and there was no way to have 24-hour security. The only other option would be long-term closure so we could move forward with removal but that wouldn't be a simple task either. Considering all factors and our timeline we made the decision to leave it until it could be fully removed. Our primary concern was the overall safety and to prevent increased use and risk we made the least, worst decision to be made which was the playground would remain open until we could schedule the secure removal. We understand it is unfortunate and that this is an impassioned discussion, as it should be. If we look back 22 years ago at what took place in the park at that time with the development of the playground, it is unbelievable it was done in the manner it was and the amount of gratitude can't be expressed. Moving forward our interest should be a replacement playground that honors the original. Commissioner Burks suggests funding the future replacement by determining the life span and budgeting a portion every year so we are prepared next time. Collins agrees that by ordinance, we can fund the depreciation value annually and even be a bit more aggressive so that the replacement may come before the removal next time. The playground will always be an integral part of the park.

## **8. Staff Comments and Reports –**

- A. **Police Report** – Chief Humphreys shares that staffing remained level at 21 for the month of June while overtime hours decreased to 131 total hours. Training hours for June totaled 160. Call volume decreased from May to a total of 838 including 95 arrests, 34 citations and 26 property-damage-only traffic accidents. One reason for the decreases during June is vacations and we put a lot of manpower into preparing for July 3. There were no public relations items for June as our efforts went to July 3 event.
- B. **Fire Report** – Chief Hughes reported a total of 104 calls for the month of June with no fires, 67 medical calls, 9 motor vehicle accidents and 26 in the other category. We had 8 overlapping incidents, 4 mutual aid events where we assisted neighboring departments, assisted police with one lost child in the park and spent a significant amount of time on the I-40 hazardous materials event. We sent a total of 11 responders to the event – not all at one time and a mix of volunteer and shift. Training hours totaled 445 for June which included live burn training in Chapel Hill for four of our guys. News 2 came out to the station, fed them lunch and talked to them for a while.

## **9. Consent Agenda (Any Item May Be Removed for Individual Consideration)**

- A. Minutes from the June 20, 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting
- B. Minutes from the June 20, 2019 Board of Commissioners Work Session
- C. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2019-16, An Ordinance to Amend the City of Fairview Municipal Code, Title 5, Section 8, Entitled "Hotel/Motel Tax"

Motion: Lucas

Second: Rainey

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Commissioner Burks	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Dawson	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Lucas	x	___	___	___
Vice Mayor Rainey	x	___	___	___
Mayor Blade	x	___	___	___

**10. Old Business** (none)

**11. New Business**

A. Ordinance 2019-17, Revised Fee Schedule (removed from agenda – no action)

B. Resolution 20-19, Acceptance of Heartland Reserve Infrastructure

Motion: Burks

Second: Dawson

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Commissioner Burks	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Dawson	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Lucas	x	___	___	___
Vice Mayor Rainey	x	___	___	___
Mayor Blade	x	___	___	___

C. Release of Maintenance Bond for Heartland Reserve

Motion: Burks

Second: Dawson

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Commissioner Burks	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Dawson	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Lucas	x	___	___	___
Vice Mayor Rainey	x	___	___	___
Mayor Blade	x	___	___	___

D. Resolution 21-19, Acceptance of Kyles Creek Phase 2, Section 1 Infrastructure

Motion: Rainey

Second: Burks

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Commissioner Burks	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Dawson	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Lucas	x	___	___	___
Vice Mayor Rainey	x	___	___	___
Mayor Blade	x	___	___	___

E. Release of Maintenance Bond for Kyles Creek

Motion: Rainey

Second: Burks

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Commissioner Burks	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Dawson	x	___	___	___
Commissioner Lucas	x	___	___	___
Vice Mayor Rainey	x	___	___	___
Mayor Blade	x	___	___	___

## **12. Communications from the Mayor and Commissioners**

- A. Commissioner Burks thanked staff, police, fire and public works for their roles in the July 3 event noting it was a great time and he appreciates their hard work. As for the playground, his family has always enjoyed it but we took the steps we had to take and we do want to rebuild as an inclusive playground. We want to get it all right and appreciate citizen input as there will be a process, we will need corporate sponsorships and grants and the Friends of Bowie Park will accept donations.
- B. Commissioner Lucas notes the July 3 event is always one of his family's favorites. People who didn't even know one another were hunkering down to take cover from the storm. He thanked all the city staff for their roles with the event. Everyone has a playground story and removing it was the hard decision but the right decision. He hopes rebuilding will be a legacy we can carry forward and he encouraged citizens to get involved in the process.
- C. Commissioner Dawson stated it was awesome to see the sense of community on July 3 and the energy that was present. The event felt like home to him and he was proud to be a part of it. Tearing down the playground was a difficult decision and his 9-year-old loved to play there and his older kids loved to hang out while the younger played. This is an opportunity for the community to gather around a common goal and he is excited for the challenge. The park is such an important piece of Fairview and children go to the playground to be closer to nature. Tearing the old one down was the right thing, the tough thing. We are 100% committed to rebuilding but we want to be strategic and involve the community in the mission.
- D. Vice Mayor Rainey adds she also enjoyed the July 3 event even though she got wet so many times in so many different ways. Rainey mentioned Chris Grayson and her organization of the playground in 1997. Hendersonville has a playground named Mary's Magical Place where children of all abilities can play. We have a great opportunity to develop a destination playground and when we build it people will come from all around.
- E. Mayor Blade noted the rain was refreshing on July 3 until it felt like a flood. He loved the sense of community and looks forward to the same with the rebuilding of the playground.

## **14. Adjournment – Commissioner Lucas made a motion for adjournment and meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.**

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**Brandy Johnson**  
**City Recorder**