

Brookland Parks Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm  
613 Holman At Brookland City Hall

Mayor Jones opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. PCM (parks committee members) who agreed to serve are as listed.

David Loggins, Sharon Hopkins, Julie Thomas was present. Absent was Bobby Bishop, and Juan Cavazos.

1. Introduction of Committee Members. Went around the table letting PCM introduce their selves.
2. Discuss Structure of Park Committee. David Loggins was elected PCM Chairperson, Julie Thomas Secretary.
3. Discuss role of park committee will be involved in as we move forward. The Outdoor Parks Matching Grant point system requires the city to have a Park Committee. PCM will hold public meeting. Getting community involvement will not only help secure the Outdoor Parks Grant but as we move forward with the parks bond it will give citizens an opportunity to be involved in the park design.
4. Review current park preliminary plans. Went over preliminary plans of each park presented. Talked about what it would mean to citizens to have a place in the city for their families to go and have a day out without leaving town. If the bond issue passes, we will be able to build more into the parks for families to enjoy with out taking revenue out of the general fund, which is money that the city can use for sidewalks, drainage and streets.
5. Revenue stream that will pay for parks, sewer extension, city hall/police station. The bond issue will go to vote June 8, 2021. It will be a little complicated.

First item to vote on is the amendment of the 2016 water improvement project bond. This will allow the bond to be extended and rolled into new bond issues. City will have only one bond payment.

Second item to vote on will be parks. This bond issue if approved will allow us to use money from the new bond issue to use as matching grant.

Third item to vote on will be sewer. The sewer bond will allow us to move forward by putting a sewer main down HWY 49. This will help us attract new businesses that will help shorten the time frame for paying off bond.

Fourth item to vote on will be new city hall/police station. As a city we have outgrown the current police station and city hall. Mayor Jones explained how both facilities have exceeded their capacity. As you can see, we added one office last year and it took space out of our meeting room. If we add more here, we take more meeting room space away or take up parking space by adding an addition. Both the PD/BCH have issues when trains are passing through our city. You basically have to stop and wait.

6. Schedule Monthly meeting and time. Next meeting scheduled April 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm at 613 Holman, Brookland City Hall.

Mayor Jones asked if there was anything else. There was none. Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Made by David Loggins. Second by Sharon Hopkins. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and called for vote. Motion to adjourn BPC meeting has passed 3 to 0. Meeting adjourned a 6:55 pm.

Minutes recorded by Mayor Jones