

**COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYGROUND
DISTRICT 4 WARD 1
MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Willis at 6:00pm.

Board Members in attendance: Connie Hoffpauir, Bill Sommers, David Nixon, and Bill Willis

In attendance: David Brossett- Brossett Architect, Clay Durbin – Bayou Irrigation, Kaz Durbin – Bayou Irrigation, Chet Johnson – Bayou Irrigation, William Wilcox, Toni Wilcox, and Richard Dow

Prayer/Pledge: Prayer was led by Connie Hoffpauir; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by board members.

New Business:

Turf Irrigation & Reconditioning Project – Drainage & Contouring: The Board recognizes David Brossett with Brossett Architect. Brossett explained the drainage and contouring in the scope of work was per existing fields and fence lines. After surveying, Bayou Irrigation came up with a preferred grading plan to improve the drainage and improve the overall contouring of the whole field. To make the improvements to drainage and fields, it will require approximately 3,200 tons of additional sand. Bill Willis asked if all fields would require additional sand. Brossett stated yes and no, not all fields are as bad as other fields. Field 9 will not require any additional sand. Fields 3, 10, and 11 will need the most attention. Bill Willis asked about the conditions of fields 1 and 2. Chet Johnson with Bayou Irrigation explained they started with surveying each field and establishing some control points. Johnson stated field 1 will need an additional 145 cubic yards of sand and field 2 will need an additional 210 cubic yards of sand. For field 1, currently the homeplate is lower than the left field foul line; homeplate will need to be raised 7 inches to help improve the drainage. Nixon asked will the water drainage towards the catch basins on field 1 and 2. Johnson replied by raising homeplate it will help direct the water to drain towards the catch basins better. Nixon asked of the 145 cubic yards is that what you thought was originally needed in the proposal. Johnson stated the original proposal was to cut an inch and replace an inch back throughout. On field 2, currently left field by third base is 6 inches higher than first base. Also on field 2, the homeplate will be raised approximately 4 inches. Johnson stated by leveling the infields as per the scope of the original proposal will cause a fall off going into outfield. Johnson explained what they are proposing is the best-case analysis where they want to give the Park the best playing field possible based on backstops, dugouts, center field, foul pole to foul pole and fence lines. Bill Willis stated he is trying to understand the difference between the original scope of work vs. what is being proposed now. Nixon explained the initial cut was to get to the dirt level, then the scope of the project was to level the field within a percentage of the slope. The original proposal based upon the scope of the work was to add back 1 inch only. Johnson stated had a survey been provided prior to the proposal they would have known the actual conditions of the fields. If they were to do the original proposed work, the fields would still have low spots and there would be no change in drainage.

David made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Bill Sommers. Motion passed unanimously. 6:18PM

Connie made a motion to resume the regular session. Seconded by David. Motion passed unanimously. 6:25PM

Brossett asked if Bayou Irrigation can reuse some of the materials that were cut off in the fields. Johnson replied yes, they can use some of that material that was cut off to

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build up some of the low areas on the fields. Johnson stated they have graded the infield on field 10, this field falls 4ft from homeplate to center field. David asked if the irrigation has been done and does that affects the proposed. Clay Durbin with Bayou Irrigation stated all the lateral lines are installed, swing joints are installed, once all the fields are graded with the correct amount of sand, they will install the sprinkler heads before they begin sprigging. The sprinkler heads can be adjusted as needed. David asked with the proposed change order, how much time will be added to the project? Johnson stated he doesn't feel it will add many days to the completion of the project. Bayou Irrigation goal is to have all irrigation and fields sprigged by the end of October/early November. Connie asked what we will have once the project is complete. Johnson stated the fields will be safer, drain better, aesthetically pleasing, and a functional irrigation system. David asked when will the fields be fully playable? Johnson replied we are going into late fall, there will not be enough time for fully established Bermuda, the fields will need to be seeded with rye grass to be ready for the upcoming baseball/softball season. The athletic rye grass will protect Bermuda. Once the rye grass starts dying in May (late spring) Bermuda grass will be coming in. We are planting too late in the season to get full establishment of the Bermuda grass. Connie asked Bayou Irrigation to submit a quote for the rye grass. Johnson stated they will work on getting the Park a quote for the rye grass to possibly do in late November. David stated in previous meetings it was discussed about the maintenance and mowing needed for the Bermuda grass. Clay Durbin stated the mowers will have to be at the very least be blown off, so seeds don't carry over from outside the fields to on the fields. Johnson stated with the Bermuda grass the more the cut it, the more it will perform. Richard stated there will be another change order to relocate the booster pumps due to electrical issues and the new pumps needing Wi-Fi connections.

David made a motion to accept the change order for the additional 3,200 tons of sand to improve the drainage and leveling of the fields not to exceed the amount of \$60,000.00. This change order is for materials only. Seconded by Connie. Motion passed unanimously.

Pickleball Project: Richard has questions about the 4ft fence on the north side of the court, while the other sides of the court have 8ft fences. Due to safety concerns, we feel an 8ft fence with a windscreen would be better than a 4ft fence. Brossett stated the 4ft fence was done so spectators could watch the game. Connie stated the court needs to have an 8ft fence around the court with a windscreen. Bill Willis stated he doesn't feel there is a need for the 4ft fence behind the spectator area. Richard stated there are concerns about the location of the benches in the court area; possibly moving them to the side of the courts by the net. Brossett stated the benches could not be fastened to the ground and could be moved. Connie stated she would like the 4ft fence that divides the courts to extend completely north and south to close off each court. Each court would have its own entrance gate. The 12' double gate on the west side can be removed. Richard stated the type of playing surface needs to be determined, acrylic court paint or a decoturf system. Connie asked what the estimated cost difference between the surfaces is. Brossett stated there is a big cost difference between the two surfaces. The decoturf is like a track surface. The decoturf surface will need to be redone every 4-5 years. The acrylic coating paint surface is a type of paint often mixed with silica sand, which provides a little grip on the court. Connie

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stated while the decoturf would be nice, she feels the possibility of it getting damaged is very possible. Bill Sommers asked about the cost of the estimated cost for this project. The Board would like a cost estimate before the project goes out for bid. Bill Sommers expressed concerns about pickleball being a fad and feels there are other areas such as additional parking at the Jones Rd Complex, more baseball/ softball fields, and completion of current projects that may be a better investment. Bill Willis stated the number of football, soccer, baseball, and softballs fields are suffice based on the number of leagues participants. Bill Sommers stated he would like to get community feedback about pickleball. David stated while the Park does currently serve the baseball, softball, soccer, and football base of our community, the Park would like to extend our base to serve others in our community that does not participate in the mentioned activities. Pickleball was one of the activities brought to the Board to better serve our community. David stated recreation soccer numbers are constantly high and the league is growing. Recreation football numbers have steadily decreased over the past years. Recreation baseball & softball numbers have stayed steady. David reiterated that the Jones Rd complex was originally bought to be a multi-sport facility.

Commissioner's Comments: The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners for the Community Center and Playground District 4 of Ward 1 is scheduled to be held Monday, October 16th, 6:00PM in an open-air conference room.

Connie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by David. Motion passed unanimously. 7:15PM

Minutes recorded and reported by Toni Wilcox.