

# MINUTES

OCT. 5, 2021

7:00PM

IN PERSON

<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>CHAIR</b>	Will Berton
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Evan Mintz
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Members Present: Samantha Morrison, Will Berton, Richard Cunningham, Amar Petael, Manish Agrawal, Evan Mintz, Stephen Damiani, Laura “Lulu” Lopez, Laura Turley, Arlene Wells, Brett Bingham  Members Absent:  Staff: Susan White  Council Liaison:

<b>VISITORS</b>	Mayor Pro Tem John Montgomery
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- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Will Berton. In his opening welcome to new board members, Will emphasized the need to consider the “recreations” aspect of the board’s responsibilities in addition to the “parks.” He also encouraged members to get out of their comfort zones and explore unfamiliar parks and activities — specifically emphasizing pickleball.
- II. Nominations:** Brett Bingham was nominated and approved as vice chair. Evan Mintz was nominated and approved as secretary (with Richard Cunningham as backup).
- III. Approval of June Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes for June and September 2021 were presented and approved.
- IV. Citizen Comments:** None
- V. Friends Update: Samantha Morrison**  
Samantha provided an overview of the Friends of West U Parks for new members of the Parks and Rec board. She discussed the organization’s history, operations, finances, and events.
- VI. Council Update:**  
City Council has not yet appointed the board representatives. Council Member John Montgomery attended the meeting to informally thank board members.
- VII. Parks & Rec Update: Susan White**  
1) Susan provided a general overview of the Parks and Rec organization for new members.
- VIII. Park Ambassador Assignments:**
  - Colonial Park East (Amar)
  - Colonial Park West (Evan)
  - Colonial Park Pool (Stephen)

- Friends Pocket Park (Samantha)
- Huffington Park (Brett)
- JEH Park (Laura)
- Judson Park (Richard)
- Recreation Center Playground (Manish)
- Whitt Johnson (Arlene)
- Wier Park (Lulu)

**IX. Order of Business:** Will reminded the board of upcoming events: The Halloween Fun Run on Oct. 30, the Full Moon Festival at Colonial Park on Oct. 22, and various Christmas events.

**X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned:** 8:15 p.m.