

**TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU  
PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING MINUTES  
15 AUGUST 2000**

Chairman Deanna Frucci called the Parks and Recreation meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on August 15, 2000. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss FRDAP Grant Application suggestions and make recommendations to the Town Council. Roll call was taken.

Present:       Deanna Frucci  
                  Betty Horvath  
                  Glenn Williams

A quorum was present. Also present was Assistant Monika Gillette.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**1. REVIEW FRDAP LIST AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL.**

Deanna Frucci read each suggestion for each park being considered for the FRDAP Grant application.

**2. LAGUANA PARK**

1. Put curbing around parking area. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All three members were in support of the curbing saying that it would define the parking area.
2. Add additional pavilion or gazebo that is handicap accessible. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Horvath stated that there was already a covered picnic area and questioned the need for another one. She suggested upgrading the current one and not add another as there was not enough room. All members were in agreement and the item was struck from the list.
3. Take out fence and replace with landscaping or nice fence design. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Frucci and Mrs. Horvath stated that they had taken a tour of the park and suggested that the fence be removed and be replaced by both landscaping and decorative fence. The line item was changed to read, "...landscaping and nice fence design." Rather than "...or fence design." All members agreed with the suggestion.
4. Add horseshoe court. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Horvath agreed with the written comment that the horseshoe court would be a liability and that anyone could be struck with a horseshoe and that the post do pose a tripping hazard. All members agreed to strike the suggestion from the list.
5. Restore beach and add seawall. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Frucci stated that she and Mrs. Horvath took a tour of the beach and felt that it sloped nicely and created a pleasant beach area and that no seawall was needed. Mr. Williams stated he had not been to the park and was not familiar with the beach area, but questioned if there were seawalls on either side

of the beach. All agreed there was no need for a seawall, but if beach restoration included cleaning then it was a good idea. All members were in agreement that the suggestion would be: "Restore beach area."

6. Add additional picnic tables. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All agreed that additional picnic tables were required, but that the suggestion should include that they were permanent. All members agreed with the suggestion.
7. Replace and add additional barbeque grills. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Frucci stated she did not see any barbeque grills currently at the park. Mr. Williams stated that there had been some in the past. All members agreed to adding barbeque grills.
8. Replace irrigation system. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Frucci stated that she thought there was an irrigation system in place already and made the suggestion that the item be changed to read, "Replace irrigation system where needed." All members were in agreement to the change.
9. Replace grass with St. Augustine sod. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Frucci stated that her experience was that St. Augustine grass adapted best to this environment. All members agreed to keep item on suggestion list.
10. Pave (blacktop) parking area. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed that paving the parking area should be kept on the suggestion list.
11. Add crushed stone in the parking area. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. After a brief discussion, the committee felt that black topping the parking area would negate the need for having crushed stone and recommended this item be deleted from the suggestion list.
12. Repair existing gazebo. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members thought this was an excellent idea and that it should be kept on the suggestion list.
13. Improve lighting. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Horvath questioned if the park was opened after dark and if there was a need for lighting. Mr. Williams stated that former Town Manager/Clerk Al Borchik addressed this issue and that the lighting should be improved. All members agreed to keep the item on the suggestion list.

### **3. GLENWOOD PARK**

1. Clean out under brush and add jogging trail. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Frucci and Mrs. Horvath said they had tried to visit the park, but it had too much underbrush and they would not go it so they thought this was a much needed project. All members questioned the need for a jogging trail, but kept the item on the suggestion list.
2. Repair boardwalk/revise configuration. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed to keep item on suggestion list.
3. Replace park benches with permanent benches. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed to keep item on suggestion list.
4. Provide built in benches on boardwalk for bird watching, etc. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed to keep this item on the suggestion list.
5. Improve parking area with curbing/bushes/crushed stone. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed to keep this item on the suggestion list.
6. Add sidewalk form parking lot to boardwalk. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed that this was an important addition, but suggested to use black top instead of concrete.

Mr. Williams suggested that the Town revisit the idea of making a land swap with the adjacent owner to change the entrance of the park. He stated that this was attempted at one time, but the owner was not interested.

### **4. FRANCIS PARK**

1. Add gazebo or small pavilion that is handicap accessible. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Members discussed that this park is really too small for an additional gazebo and suggested this item be deleted from the suggestion list.
2. Add barbeque grills. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed to keep item on the suggestion list.
3. Restore beach area and add seawall. Mrs. Frucci read an email from a resident who suggested adding additional rick rack or concrete to the existing retaining wall and not adding a whole seawall. Members agreed that a new seawall was not needed and additional fortification should be enough. Members agreed to change suggestion to: "Restore beach area."
4. Replace grass with St. Augustine grass. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed to keep item on suggestion list.

5. Replace sprinkler system. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed to keep item on suggestion list.
6. Add observation dock that is handicap accessible. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members agreed that adding a dock would not be a good idea for the park. All members agreed to delete item from suggestion list.
7. Add permanent picnic tables. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. All members were in agreement to keep item on suggestion list. In lieu of an observation dock, members suggested that permanent benches be placed near the water's edge. All members agreed to change suggestion to read: "Add permanent picnic tables and permanent benches for observation near water's edge."
8. Replace trash containers. After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Members felt this was an important issue for all the parks and stated the current containers are not equipped to keep out rodents and rodent proof containers should be installed.
9. Make ADA compliant -- After Chairman Frucci read the suggestion, she opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Horvath stated she did not quite understand this suggestion and the other members agreed that clarification was needed before the suggestion could be made and that they would leave this recommendation to the Town Council.

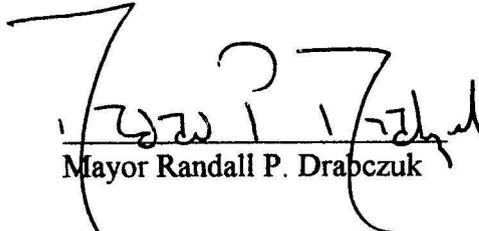
## 5. WIN DAVIS PARK

Mr. Williams stated that the town had a fourth park that should be considered. All members discussed Win Davis park and added one item to the suggestion list for the park: "Add a permanent observation bench near water's edge."

**11. Adjourn** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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