

City of Cottonwood Shores, Texas

ORDINANCE 1129

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION AD HOC COMMITTEE.

Whereas, the City of Cottonwood Shores, Texas was incorporated as a Texas City on August 8th, 1987 as a Texas Type A City; and

Whereas, the City has of a City-wide park system consisting of 5 public parks;

Whereas, it is deemed to be in the general interest of the community to establish an ad hoc volunteer committee responsible for overseeing the development, maintenance and future use of the City's Park System.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES THAT:

Section.1 - Creation and Purpose

A Parks and Recreation Committee is hereby established to perform such duties and functions as are required and/or authorized by state law, city ordinance and this enabling article. The Parks and Recreation Committee shall:

1. Act as an advisory board to the Council with respect to the planning, maintenance, use and development of parkland
 - 1.1. All matters considered as recommendation to the City Council shall first pass a majority vote of the Committee.
2. Recommend and oversee the implementation of the Parks master plan, land use and the physical development of the parks system;
3. Recommend future further development of parks and recreational facilities and propose the respective budgets for implementation;
4. Formulate and recommend to City Council plans for maintenance and security of the parks system and the corresponding budgets;
5. Monitor the receipt and disbursement of budgeted funds in accordance with the requirements of the City.
6. May assist the City in implementing approved development, improvements and maintenance.
7. Perform any other planning and development related functions as requested by the City Council

Section 2 - Membership and Removal

The Parks and Recreation Committee shall be composed of no fewer than three (3) (Chairman, Vice Chair and Secretary) and no maximum number of qualified volunteers from within the city and shall be organized and exercise such powers as prescribed herein and by city ordinances. Volunteers who have demonstrated their civic interest, general knowledge of the community, independent judgment, interest in planning, and availability to prepare for and attend necessary meetings will be considered. It is the intent of the City Council that members shall, by reason of diversity of their occupations, backgrounds, and experience, constitute a committee which is broadly representative of the community. Volunteers may join the committee at will by contacting the Committee Chair. Removal of a volunteer member or members of the committee shall require a vote recommending same by a majority of the members of the committee.

Section 4 - Organization

1. A chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be elected annually from among the committee's membership at the first meeting in January, and at such other times as these offices may become vacant. In the absence of both the chairperson and the vice-chairperson, the committee shall elect an acting chairperson in order to conduct its business. The committee shall meet regularly and at the call of the chairperson who shall designate the time and place of its meetings.
2. The committee shall adopt its own rules and procedures consistent with applicable Rules and Regulations by Government Agencies of competent jurisdiction with this ordinance and keep a record of its proceedings consistent with the provisions of this article and the requirements of state law.

Section 5 - Duties and Powers

The Parks and Recreation Committee is hereby charged with the duty and invested with the authority to:

1. Regularly inspect park property and premises at reasonable hours where required in the discharge of its responsibilities under the laws of the state and of the City.
2. Formulate and recommend to the City Council for its adoption a comprehensive plan and from time to time recommending such changes in the plan as it finds will facilitate the healthy enjoyment, recreation, safety, and general welfare of the citizens in their use of the parks and recreational facilities.
3. Exercise all the powers of a committee as to approval or disapproval of plans, their implementation and related expenditures and bring recommendations and budget to City Council for approval.
4. Study and recommend on the location, extension and planning of public parks or other public places, and on the vacating or closing of same.
5. Keep itself informed with references to the progress of City planning in the State of Texas, the United States and other countries and recommend improvements in the adopted plans of the City.
6. Report the status of the Parks and the Committee to the City Council monthly, at the 2nd meeting of the month.

Section 6 - Repealing Clause

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

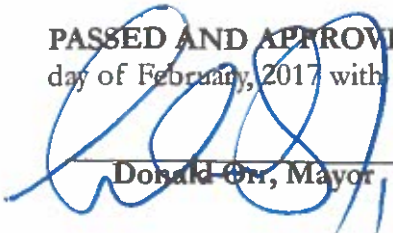
Section 7 - Severability Clause

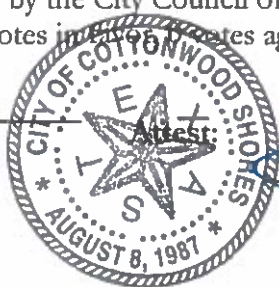
If any portion of this ordinance is held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions hereof shall nevertheless be valid; the same portion or portions held unconstitutional has not been adopted.

Section 8 - Effective Clause

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its final passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Cottonwood Shores, Texas, at a meeting on the 2nd day of February, 2017 with 5 votes in favor, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.


Donald Or, Mayor




Sheila C. Moore
City Administrator/City Secretary