

Bastrop County Parks Advisory Committee

Article I. MISSION

Section 1.01 The Bastrop County Parks Advisory Committee (herein called the “BCPAC or Committee”) is a board of appointed individuals who each bring unique knowledge, skills, and abilities to augment the Bastrop County Parks Program in order to more effectively guide Bastrop County’s Parks management and operations.

Section 1.02 The BCPAC serves to make recommendations, provide key information, encourage public interaction, and supply supporting material, as needed, relating to the Bastrop County Parks program to the Bastrop County Commissioners Court for consideration and possible implementation. BCPAC may recommend, review, monitor, assess, evaluate, and report the performance of parks and any related recreation programs as well as be as an advocate for and to the communities served.

Section 1.03 The Committee will provide the Bastrop County Commissioners Court with current perspectives on programmatic issues brought before the BCPAC concerning Bastrop County parks. The Committee is an advisory participant in Bastrop County’s park program to carry out the Bastrop County Commissioners Courts approved initiatives. Their responsibilities also include developing suggestions for the following: program creation and planning, program policy and procedures, planning and implementing public relations, and fund raising for the Bastrop County parks and related programs.

Article II. FORMATION

Section 2.01 The BCPAC is strictly an advisory body for the Commissioners Court of Bastrop County and has no authority to issue directives, create ordinances or regulations, orders, mandates, commitments, or policies.

Section 2.02 The Committee has no authority to govern or regulate, in any manner, any Bastrop County park, office, department, employee, or authorized contractor.

Section 2.03 Bastrop County Commissioners Court is the sole authority governing all Bastrop County Parks. The BCPAC will focus on specific programs and operational issues as identified by the Commissioners Court or the Committee to advise, advance, advocate, and support Park management and operations for the benefit of the citizens of Bastrop County.

Section 2.04 BCPAC members will gather input from and serve as a liaison to citizens, provide feedback to the Commissioners Court of Bastrop County, communicate identified issues from the community, provide technical expertise, and provide an independent unbiased body to review and make recommendations of Bastrop County Park concerns.

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Article III. APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF MEMBERS

Section 3.01 The BCPAC consists of nine (9) members, including the Chair and Vice-Chair, under the authority of the Bastrop County Commissioners Court. The Bastrop County Judge will nominate and, with the consent of the Bastrop County Commissioners Court, appoint seven (7) citizen members and two (2) members of the Commissioners Court to the Committee. Citizen members will include (3) Local Park Representatives, one (1) Recreation and Sports Representative, and three (3) General Members.

Section 3.02 Local Park Representatives are citizens who have particular interest in one of the established County Parks. They may be a regular user of said park, or a representative of an organization that has an interest in the park's development and operation. There is one Local Park Representative for each of the following County parks: Cedar Creek Park, Stony Point Park and Colorado River Nature Park.

Section 3.03 The Recreation and Sports Representative is an employee or designated representative of an organization that makes use of a County Park facility to provide sporting and recreational opportunities to Bastrop County residents.

Section 3.04 The Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from within its voting membership. The election shall be held at the first meeting of each calendar year. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and represent the BCPAC to the public, media and Commissioners Court. The Vice-Chair shall perform these duties in the absence of the Chair. Should both the Chair and Vice-Chair be unable to serve, the Committee shall appoint a Chair Pro Temp.

Section 3.05 There will also be three (3) non-voting staff members:

- (a) The Director of General Services or their appointee.
- (b) The County Planner or their appointed designee.
- (c) The Director of Tourism and Economic Development or their appointee.

Section 3.06 All members of this Committee are volunteers and there is no compensation for their participation. The term of appointment for each member of the Committee shall be two (2) years, and they may be appointed for not more than three (3) consecutive terms.

Article IV. OPERATION

Section 4.01 The BCPAC will, at the direction of its Chair, have no less than one meeting per quarter. Meeting minutes and recommendations by the Committee will be submitted to the Bastrop County Commissioners Court for consideration through the County Judge's office. A majority of BCPAC members will approve recommendations to be presented to the Bastrop County Commissioners Court by the Chair of the Committee or their designee.

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Section 4.02 BCPAC meeting attendance, decision-making, conflict of interest, and ethics policies will mirror the policies and guidelines of the Bastrop County Commissioners Court.

Section 4.03 At no time will any statement be deemed officially generated, authorized, or approved by the Committee without the prior written approval of the Chair of the BCPAC.

Section 4.04 The meetings of the BCPAC are not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act, since the function of this committee is purely advisory in nature. (See Tex. Atty Gen. Op. Nos. H-994 (1977), H-772 (1976)).

Section 4.05 Community stakeholders who are not appointed Committee members may participate in BCPAC meetings to discuss specific issues at the discretion of the Chair.

Approved this the 25th day of February, 2019, by the majority vote of the Bastrop County Commissioners Court.

SIGNED:



Paul Pape, County Judge

ATTEST:



Rose Pietsch, County Clerk