

## **Bastrop County Parks Advisory Committee**

### **Volunteer Description and Qualifications – General Member**

#### Description of the Bastrop County Parks Advisory Committee

The Bastrop County Parks Advisory Committee (BCPAC) 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 in the unincorporated area of Bastrop County.

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.

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.

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

#### Overview of Committee General Member Role

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 regarding Bastrop County Park concerns.

Unlike Local Park Representatives (who have a specific interest in one particular County Park), General Committee Members have a broad interest in the County Parks System as a whole.

The committee meets quarterly. In addition, there may be other workshops regarding special projects, such as the development of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan, which will be coordinated based on the availability of committee members.

#### Eligibility for appointment

Appointees to the committee must be Bastrop County residents and over 18 years of age.

Park Committee applicants are expected to have an interest in developing and supporting County parks (particularly in the unincorporated area) and working with other members of the Committee, the general public, and Bastrop County staff to plan for future improvements in parks, recreational facilities, and a wide variety of related projects for the enjoyment of all of the residents of the County.

Formal education in the field is not necessary.

#### Application Process

All applicants for appointment to the Committee must fill in an application form and submit it to the Bastrop County Director of General Services at [shawn.harris@co.bastrop.tx.us](mailto:shawn.harris@co.bastrop.tx.us) by **September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020** or until the application has been filled, whichever is later.

Qualified applicants will be invited to an interview by a sub-committee of the County Parks Advisory Committee. The sub-committee will then present their preferred candidate to the Bastrop County Commissioners Court for final approval of the appointment.