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Rio Dell Forms a Team to Work on the Parks Master Plan

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024 the Rio Dell City Council appointed Fire Commissioners Mickey Barsanti and Joe Timmerman, Rio Dell School Board President Val Barrote, and Monument Middle School 7th grade students Reed Harrington and Austin Haberstock to the Parks Master Plan Adhoc Committee.

The appointments have been championed and spearheaded by Mayor Pro Tem Amanda Carter who believes that the community parks in Rio Dell need a new long-term vision that assesses the needs and desires of the broader community. Carter's vision includes uniting students with the City, School District and Fire District behind a collaborative vision for the future of the parks in Rio Dell. The three entities own the current parklands in the community, all of which need development. Future expansion and new facilities are also planned to be incorporated, possible examples of which are a bike pump track, skate park, splash pad, pickle ball courts and rose garden amongst many other ideas. The group plans to go directly to the community with a survey that covers all segments of Rio Dell for feedback on the current and future facilities.

Attached photo description: Val Barrote, Austin Haberstock, Julie Woodall, Amanda Carter, Reed Harrington, Mickey Barsanti and Mayor Debra Garnes pose for photos after the appointment of the new Parks Master Plan Ad Hoc.

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