



**PARKING ADVISORY BOARD/PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
MINUTES**

**JOINT WORKSHOP  
JANUARY 13, 2020**

The Parking Advisory Board convened in a joint workshop with the Parks and Recreation Board on January 13, 2020 at 501 East Hopkins in San Marcos, Texas.

**I. Parking Board Vice-Chair Carina Boston Pinales and Parks and Recreation Board Chair Maggie Hutchins called the Board Meeting to order at 5:35pm.**

**II. Parking Board Members in Attendance:**

Vice-Chair Carina Boston Pinales  
Board Member Esther Garcia  
Board Member Esther Henk  
Board Member Kyle Mylius  
Board Member Chris Rue  
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Mihalkanin

**Board Members Absent:**

Chair Kelly Stone

**Board Members Excused:**

Board Member Johnny Finch  
Council Member Joca Marquez

**Staff in Attendance:**

Director of General Services Lee Hitchcock  
Administrative Coordinator Christie Murillo  
Downtown Coordinator Josie Falleta

**Parks and Recreation Board Members in Attendance:**

Chair Maggie Hutchins-Wagner  
Vice-Chair Diane Phalen  
Board Member Jordan Buckley  
Board Member Frank Contreras  
Board Member Eric Gilbertson  
Board Member Ryan McGillicuddy  
Board Member Josh Simpson  
Board Member Keith Ubben

**Staff in Attendance:**

Director of Parks and Recreation Drew Wells  
Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Jamie Lee Case  
Parks Operations Manager Bert Stratemann  
Facility Events Coordinator Daniel Montemayor

**III. 30 MINUTE CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## 1. Paid parking in San Marcos river parks:

- Vice-Chair of Parking Advisory Board Carina Boston Pinales gives an overview of what all the Parking Advisory Board has done in its parking initiatives since the Board's inception in May 2019:
  - Downtown parking has been focus
  - Have been working on a 3-phase approach with paid parking in phase 3
- Chair of Parks and Recreation Board Maggie Hutchins asks if discussions have taken place in regards to parking districts.
  - Vice-Chair Pinales says yes, and the idea would be that the funds in each district would be used for improvements that district.
  - General Services Director Lee Hitchcock reiterates this point, saying the Kimley-Horn plan the City Council approved makes the same suggestion.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Mihalkanin asks staff to make sure everyone on Parks and Recreation Board has a copy of the Kimley-Horn Plan, Action Items document, and Recommendation Resolution.
- Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board Diane Phalen says there's a need for the Parks and Recreation Department to capture money from tourists to get the Department's cost recovery rate up past the 14% it's out right now; state mandates are capping property tax increases so Parks and Recreation needs to look at additional revenue sources.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mihalkanin would like to make sure that if paid parking is implemented in the parks, the same vendor could be used for downtown paid parking.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mihalkanin: need to determine local vs. non-local, how ETJ would be handled.
- Vice-Chair Phalen poses question of student parking, and if students would be considered local or non-local.
- Parks and Recreation Director Drew Wells says all the details for paid parking in river parks, should Council approve to go forward, would need to be worked out; parking systems are very robust, education would be essential.
- Parks and Recreation Board Member Ryan McGuillicuddy feels it's best to start small and expand.
- Parking Advisory Board Member Esther Garcia informs both Boards that her neighborhood off of CM Allen would be directly affected from spillover parking.
- Parks and Recreation Board Member Josh Simpson suggests there be a neighborhood permit system like other neighborhoods in San Marcos have.
- Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Jamie Lee Case reminds everyone that City Council approves neighborhood parking permit areas.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Mihalkanin urges community members to write to their state representatives since, at this time, TxState has no plans to cap enrollment.
- Chair Hutchins reiterates that residents would be kept in mind and prioritized should decision of Council be to move this concept forward.
- Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Case reminds everyone that Council still has to put the Parks and Recreation Board's Recommendation on the agenda and then from there, has to decide if they want staff to go forward.
- Parking Board Member Kyle Mylius informs Boards that downtown is a neighborhood too and it's about to explode with the additional student housing that's coming.

**IV. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

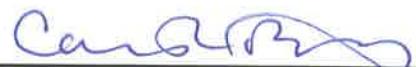
None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Parking Advisory Vice-Chair Carina Boston Pinales and Parks and Recreation Board Chair Maggie Hutchins at 6:35pm.



**Staff Liaison**



**Board/Commission Chair**

