



**City of San Marcos
Regular Meeting Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
March 25, 2021 5:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Board Chair, Diane Phalen.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Frank Contreras
Jordan Buckley
Cherif Gacis
Eric Gilbertson
Diane Phalen
Alex Vogt
Kevin White

Board Members Absent

Ryan McGillicuddy
Keith Ubben

Staff Present

Jamie Lee Case, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Bert Stratemann, Park Operations Manager
Christie Murillo, Administrative Coordinator

- III. Citizen Comment Period:** Persons wishing to speak during the citizen comment period please submit your written comments to parksinfo@sanmarcostx.gov **no later than 12:00pm on the day of the meeting.** The first 10 comments will be read aloud during the citizen comment portion of the meeting. Comments shall have a time limit of three minutes each. Any threatening, defamatory or other similar comments prohibited by Chapter 2 of the San Marcos City Code will not be read.

- There were no citizen comments

PRESENTATIONS

1. Receive a presentation from Arts Commission Chair Russell Clark regarding commissioning art to be placed along the new shared use pathway within the river parks, and hold discussion.

- Arts Commission envisions a digital and physical art experience
- Would be placed along new TxDOT Shared Use Path
- Entire project would not be undertaken all at once but in phases
- If Parks Board approves, Arts Commission can put out an exploratory call for artists
- There would be a public approval process
- City Council would have final decision
- Funds would come from HOT tax monies
- Arts Commission will be back in touch with Parks and Recreation Board in 1-2 months
- Art would be insured

MINUTES

2. Consider approval, by motion, of the following meeting minutes:
 - a. February 25, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes

A motion was made by Eric Gilbertson, seconded by Kevin White, to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021 Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For:	7 -	Frank Contreras, Jordan Buckley, Diane Phalen, Kevin White, Eric Gilbertson, Cherif Gacis, Alex Vogt
Against:	0	

ACTION ITEMS

3. Hold discussion, and possibly consider the creation of a subcommittee, regarding proposing renaming the city parks facility currently known as the City Recreation Hall to City Council.
 - Staff to send the City policy on renaming
 - No subcommittee to be created; Board will bring back name ideas

DISCUSSION

4. Receive an update from the Parks and Recreation Board parking subcommittee, and hold discussion.
 - Chair Phalen, Vice-Chair McGillicuddy, and Board Member Vogt met with Parking Advisory Board Subcommittee member Kyle Mylius
 - All Board members agreed on the Recommendation Resolution the Parks and Recreation Board already put forth, with one possible amendment: the addition of a section addressing consideration given to surrounding neighborhood(s) in regards to possible overflow parking
5. Receive a staff update and hold discussion regarding COVID-19 response in the City's Parks.
 - City facilities are still requiring masks, occupancy limits
 - Activity Center is still operating on capacity restrictions and reservation system
 - Any large events requested in our parks would be encouraged to follow CDC guidelines
6. Receive a staff update and hold discussion regarding the Lions Club Lease.
 - Council work session occurred on March 16
 - Council was presented with both the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendations as well as the Lions Club's response and staff recommendations
 - Lease negotiations need to be agreed upon by both parties
 - It is not unusual for staff recommendation to differ from a Board's recommendation
 - Staff recommendation was made by Parks staff and City Manager's Office
 - The lease will go to Council on April 6

REPORTS

1. Receive the following reports: Park Projects Monthly Report, Athletics Division Monthly Report, Youth Services Division Monthly Report, Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Monthly Report
 - The Board did not have any comments on the reports

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2. For next regular meeting:
 - Paid parking subcommittee-action item
 - Permanent restrooms in natural areas-update

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm by Board Chair, Diane Phalen



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Parks and Recreation Board Chair



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